

The California Maritime Academy – CSU Audience Response Systems (Clicker) Policy



What is a clicker?

Audience Response Systems (ARS), commonly referred to as “clickers”, allow students and audience members to participate to questions and polls in lectures or presentations by electronically submitting responses using handheld keypads. These devices interface with the presenter’s content and enable instructors or presenters to gather data and assess learning outcomes and to engage participants, without having to close their onscreen presentation.

The California Maritime Academy Clicker Policy

Turning Technologies is the selected clicker vendor for The California Maritime Academy - CSU. Cal Maritime faculty wishing to utilize clicker technology in their courses must order *TurningPoint* clickers at the campus Book Store (bookstore@csum.edu), along with their regular textbook orders. Academics will provide 1 receiver/clicker set for each instructor actively using the technology in the classroom. Pat Harper (pharper@csum.edu) should be copied on requests to the Book Store in order to ensure the instructor unit is received prior to the start of classes. Greg Crum should be contacted at gcrum@csum.edu for classroom implementation and support.

ARS Information for Instructors

Book Store orders will be placed with *Turning Technologies* based on previous textbook sales history for the selected course. Please contact the Book Store if you have questions regarding how many clickers will be ordered for your course. Meeting the recommended adoption due dates for your course material through the campus Book Store will help ensure your textbooks and clickers are available for the first day of classes and allow instructors time to become familiar with the

technology.

Clicker sets are available to faculty, staff and administration for one day use for trial consideration. Clicker sets for demonstration or trial purposes may be checked out through Greg Crum (gcrum@csum.edu). Training for clicker use may be scheduled upon request.

ARS Information for Students

Students may purchase their individual clickers directly through the campus Book Store, *Turning Technologies* or other vendors as long as the unit purchased is a RCRF-02 unit. Due to the standardization of clickers on campus, cellular/smart phones cannot be used in lieu of an ARS unit due to complications with telephone and messaging services and the inability to block Internet access during testing periods. Buyback for clickers will also be conducted at the Book Store during semester ending buyback for units purchased there (with appropriate receipt). This will allow a limited number of used clickers for the future semesters.

Accessibility

Turning Technologies has a VPT document on file and is equally as accessible as other similar systems currently available. For anyone needing further accessibility assistance, please consult with Dr. Vivienne McClendon at Disability Services Office (vmcclendon@csum.edu).

Student Information Privacy

Student information will be held within the Moodle learning management system, a firewalled secure location. This information is generally used for classroom credit. Course information is reset (deleted) at the beginning of each fall term. An archived, off-line archive is held as a secure backup for one year by campus Information Technology. Campus officials and instructors may also request voluntary responses to anonymous polling where individual identifiers are removed from the transmissions.

Refresh Policy

Due to the evolving nature of Audience Response Systems, this policy and the selected ARS system should be reviewed bi-annually by the Instructional Technology Subcommittee.