

UVM Approved Learning Platforms Used Within CEMS

The following are UVM-approved learning platforms used in CEMS. Programs are encouraged to coordinate and minimize the number of required learning platforms for teaching in spring '21 by choosing one platform from each category. For example, a program may choose to have all instructors use Blackboard as the primary LMS, MS Teams for holding and recording live class meetings, Blackboard for discussions, assignment submission and assessment, MS Forms for synchronous polling, Respondus for exam proctoring if required (Total platforms = 3).

Platform	Blackboard Integration	Cost to students	Description	Who can I ask for help? *
A. Primary Learning Management System				
Blackboard	Yes	Free	UVM's primary LMS used for communication, written discussion, course materials repository, assessment, assignment submission, and grading center; See Blackboard Ally for creating accessible course materials.	1, 2, 3
B. Primary Conferencing Tool				
MS Teams	No	Free	Microsoft Teams is the recommended collaborative communications platform that incorporates a persistent chat, video calls/meetings, polls, and file sharing (including collaborative editing of documents).	1, 2, 3
C. Discussion Tools				
Blackboard	Yes	Free	Used for written discussion boards and blogs within Blackboard	1, 2, 3
Flipgrid	Yes	Free	Cloud-based application that allows for asynchronous video and audio discussion; Flipgrid is included in UVM's Microsoft license. Flipgrid for Faculty .	2, 3
Piazza	Yes	Free until 8/1/21	Wiki-style discussion platform; See Intro to Piazza video .	1, 3
YellowDig	Yes	Free	Social media platform that allows students to connect with each other and instructors. Instructions to add YellowDig to your course .	1, 3
D. Classroom Response Systems				
TopHat	Yes	\$30/sem; \$48/yr	Active-learning platform with clicker function that allows faculty to quickly pivot between online and in-person instruction. Fact sheet .	1, 2
iClicker	Yes	\$47	Electronic polling system for in-person classes.	3
MS Teams	Yes	Free	Use MS Forms for polling and questions during a live class meetings.	1, 2, 3
E. Proctoring Tools				
Respondus	Yes	Free	Recommended Lock-down browser and monitoring for Blackboard exams; Problematic for code-based assessments.	3
ProctorU	Yes	\$25/120 min	Live proctoring service; Cost per student varies with length of exam.	1, 3
Proctorio	Yes	See notes	A.I.-assisted remote proctoring service for Blackboard exams; \$5/exam- discounted from \$10 or \$20/course unlimited use within that specific course.	1, 2
Gradescope	In progress for SP21	Free	Online assignment submission and grading tool; Exam proctoring via Respondus Lock-down browser is available now. Info sheet for Faculty .	1, 2
F. Assignment Submission & Grading Platform				
Gradescope	In progress for SP21	Free	Online assignment submission and grading tool;	1, 2
Blackboard	Yes	Free	Assignments can be uploaded directly to Blackboard and graded directly within Blackboard.	1, 2, 3

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