

iClicker Instructions (PHL 317K)

General Information

iClicker is an award-winning¹ company dedicated to developing student response technology that promotes active learning in the classroom. This technology is beneficial to both students and instructors. It enables students to actively participate in class by taking quizzes, contributing to polls, and completing activities, and it enables instructors to incentivize attendance/participation and track students' understanding. Throughout the semester, for this course, you will use iClicker technology not only to take in-class quizzes but also to participate during lectures and classroom discussions.

Purchasing and Registering

Step 1: Purchase an iClicker remote.

Except in special circumstances, I require each student to use a physical iClicker remote (as opposed to the iClicker Reef app). There are three reasons for this. First, I don't want to have to worry about the (hopefully unlikely!) possibility of students using their laptops or mobile devices to cheat on the in-class quizzes. Second, it is likely that you will need an iClicker remote for other courses in the future, so this option should save you money in the long run. Finally, if you purchase your iClicker remote from the University Co-op, it comes with a 6-month subscription to the REEF mobile polling system, which you can use for any classes that require the iClicker Reef app; so, you shouldn't have to worry about purchasing more than one iClicker product for this spring semester.

Each of the following models will work for this course:

- iClicker Original
- iClicker+
- iClicker 2

However, **I recommend the iClicker 2**, because it has an LCD display and is easier to use. According to the University Co-op website,² they offer the iClicker 2 for **\$52.99**. **I also recommend that you purchase your device through them**, since it comes with a 6-month subscription to the REEF mobile polling system, which you may need later. If you decide to purchase a used iClicker device, it is free to register it to Canvas. **You will need to acquire an iClicker device in advance of the Monday meeting during Week 2.**

¹ <https://www.iclicker.com/company>

² <http://www.universitycoop.com/iclicker/iclicker-2-remote-with-6month-reef-polling-access-435896>

Step 2: Register your iClicker remote to Canvas.

Go to the Canvas site for the course. Next, click “i>Clicker” from the left-hand menu. You should now see the i>clicker Student Registration page. Enter the 8-character code on the back of your iClicker device into the “Remote ID” form. Enter your e-mail address into the “E-Mail” form. Select “United States” from the “Country” drop-down menu. Finally, click “Register.” **That’s it!**

The system will tell me whether or not your iClicker remote has been successfully registered to Canvas. I will send out an email on Sunday, January 21 with a list of any students who still show up as unregistered. **It is your responsibility to check this list, make and sure that your iClicker remote has been successfully registered, and correct any potential issues.**

Using iClicker

Once you’ve purchased and registered your iClicker device, you should be ready to go. If you bought a new iClicker device, it should have come with directions explaining how it works. The following troubleshooting webpage may also be helpful:

<https://community.macmillan.com/docs/DOC-7556-iclicker-remotes-troubleshooting>

You should be aware that iClicker remotes have a frequency setting. **If you purchased a new iClicker 2, it should be automatically connected to frequency “AA,” which is the frequency that we will use in this course.** However, you should double check to be sure, and you should know how to change frequencies in the event that the need should arise. The following YouTube videos show how to do this:

- iClicker 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBCpepzQRR>
- iClicker+: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wf11eSCY_c

It is your responsibility to make sure that your iClicker remote is connected to the right frequency. **If it isn’t, then your answers will not be recorded.** When your iClicker 2 is connected to the correct frequency and within range of the base station in the classroom, you should see “PHL 317K” as the welcome message on the LCD display when you turn it on.

For almost all purposes—multiple choice, true/false, polling, etc.—you will almost exclusively use the multiple choice “A–E” keys. For example, for in-class quizzes, I will display a question on a PowerPoint slide. You will then use the “A–E” keys to submit an answer. And so on for the next question. You can change your answer by pressing a different letter key. **The last A–E button you press before the quiz closes will show up as your recorded answer.** With the iClicker 2’s, if your answer has been successfully submitted, a check mark should appear on the LCD display.