



Top Hat

Type	Learning Curve	Blackboard Gradebook Integration	Cost
Online or Face-to-Face	High	Yes	Student cost: \$26/semester *Free for instructors

What?

Top Hat is an interactive, cloud-based teaching and learning platform. It offers the flexibility of participation through computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones instead of relying on clickers.

When?

- Gauge student understanding immediately: [Asking a Top Hat Question](#)
- [Develop interactive homework and quizzes](#)
- [Take Attendance](#)
- [Use the Top Hat Presentation Tool](#) to ask questions in class and capture polling response
- Assign [content](#) or [textbooks](#) for student reading.
- Revisit questions to assess change in conceptual understanding

How?

- **Professor:** Quick Start Guide: <https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Professor-Quick-Start-Guide>
 - **Professor Support page:** <https://support.tophat.com/s/categoryhome/Professor>
- **Student:** Quick Start Guide: <https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide>

Tips

- Top-Hat: [Teaching Resources](#)
- Top-Hat Support: support@tophat.com or call 1-888-663-5491

Suggested Activities

To learn about these activities and how to implement them, see the [Student Engagement Strategies Toolbox](#).

- Think, Pair, Share
- Picture Prompt
- Ranking Alternatives

For more information or to schedule time with an instructional designer or emerging technologist, contact aoi.li@wsu.edu or visit li.wsu.edu You can also visit the Spark Faculty Innovation Studio (SPARK 102) any time from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.