

University of Florida Student Guide to TurningPoint ResponseCard RF Remotes

The University of Florida has adopted the TurningPoint ResponseCard RF Remote as a campuswide classroom student response system. The system allows instructors to actively engage students in class by asking questions during the lecture that can be counted for polling purposes only or for actual class grades. How exactly it is used in a class is entirely up to the instructor for your course. This guide was written for University of Florida students to explain how to register the remote for your class. How to login your remote during class. How to use your remote to answer questions in class. It also answers some commonly asked questions about the remotes.

Where can I buy a ResponseCard RF remote?

ResponseCard RF remotes are available at most major bookstores around campus (the bookstore at the Reitz Union and Gator Textbooks are two examples). Remotes can also be purchased used, just like used textbooks, if available at some bookstores.

Can I use my friends ResponseCard RF remote?

Yes, you can use a friends remote **AS LONG AS YOU BOTH DO NOT USE IT IN THE SAME CLASS OR AT THE SAME TIME!!** If you have a friend who is willing to loan you a remote for the semester because they are not using it that period it's ok provided you follow the rule above. However, this **DOES NOT APPLY** to using your friends remote to respond to questions for them when they are absent from class or giving your remote to someone else to respond to questions for you when you are absent! **Responding with someone else's remote when they are absent from class is a VIOLATION OF UF's ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY and both of you can be prosecuted through the Student Conduct Honor Court!!!!** Each student in a class must use **ONLY** their own remote and may **NOT** use another persons remote from that same class!

OK, I have a remote now how do I register it for my class?

Registration of your **CORRECT** remote code is **ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** in order for you to get credit for your answers in class!!! If you do not register your remote code properly you will **NOT** get credit!! In addition, you will **NOT** get credit **UNTIL** your remote code is registered so be sure to register it as soon as you get a remote. This system **WILL NOT** record your answers until your are properly registered through WebCT.

Where is my remote code on the remote?

The remote code is located on the back of the remote underneath the barcode. It is a six digit code that may consist of letters and numbers but **NONE** of the codes contain the letter "O"!! If you can't decide if it's a number zero or the letter "O" it's really a number zero. The image below has a sample remote code highlighted in red so that you can see what it looks like on a remote. This sample code is 008C0D (zero,zero,eight,C,zero,D) but your personal remote code will be different from this sample code. Notice how the zero's look like the letter "O" but are in fact zeros!



Where do I register the remote?

STEP 1:

To register you will need to login to your course through WebCT Vista using your Gatorlink Username and password at;

<http://lss.at.ufl.edu>

Once you have logged into your course on WebCT Vista you should see an icon for registering your TurningPoint Remote. Click on the registration icon.

STEP 2:

A new page will load and show you a TurningPoint registration website with blank boxes for you to fill in your remote code. Fill in both boxes with your remote code and submit your response. After submitting your remote code the website will show your currently registered code so look at it and confirm that it's correct! If it's wrong, fix it by entering the code again.

STEP 3:

Return to WebCT and logout.....your remote code is now registered.

What do I do if I get a new remote during the semester?

If you happen to get a new remote during the semester for whatever reason (loss, theft, damage, etc) you MUST go back to WebCT Vista and register the new remote code immediately in order to get credit using the new remote.

How do I login the remote when I try to use it in the classroom?

When you come to class you MUST login your remote to the correct channel number for the classroom.

These remotes are radio frequency transmitters and they must transmit on the correct radio channel in order to record your answer for your class. Your instructor will tell you what channel number to use for your classroom.

The procedure for logging in your radio channel number to use the remote in a classroom depends on which type of remote you have. There are three different versions of ResponseCard RF remotes so look carefully at the following pictures and descriptions to determine which version of the remote you have so you can determine which procedure you need to use in order to login.

Remote Version 1



Notice that the Version 1 remote has the following features.....

- A) At red arrow 1 it may (or may not) have an FCC sticker.
- B) At red arrow 2 it has a 1-866 phone number and no large CE or checkmark
- C) At red arrow 3 it has a medium sized remote code and says "Assembled in Korea".

Remote Version 2



Notice that the Version 2 remote has the following features.....

A) At red arrow 1 it does not have an FCC sticker.

B) At red arrow 2 it has no phone number but it does have a large CE and checkmark and the FCC information.

C) At red arrow 3 it has a small sized remote code and says "Assembled in Korea".

Remote Version 3



Notice that the Version 3 remote has the following features.....

A) At red arrow 1 it does not have an FCC sticker and the text is small.

B) At red arrow 2 it has a large CE and checkmark along with the FCC information.

C) At red arrow 3 it has a large sized remote code and says "Assembled in S.Korea".

Now that you have identified which version of the remote you own here's how you log it into the correct radio channel for your classroom. You can ONLY do this when you are in the classroom where you are going to use the remote.

For remote versions 1 and 2 do the following;

1) Press the "GO" button in the lower left corner of the remote. You should get a flashing red and green light appearing on the remote. If the flashing red and green light does not appear be sure you have removed the plastic packing strips sticking out of the back of the new remote.

2) While the light is flashing red and green press the classroom radio channel number. For example, if the channel number is 80 you would press 8, 0. If the channel number was 7 you would press 0,7 because each channel number is a two digit code (thus 0,7 instead of just 7). Once the channel number is entered the flashing red/green light should turn solid green.

3) Now press "GO" again while the light is solid green and then pause for 1 second and press the number 1 key. The light should now flash yellow very quickly to confirm you are logged into the correct classroom radio channel.

So in summary, the login for the radio channel in the classroom for versions 1 and 2 of the remotes is press "GO", see a red/green flashing light, enter the two digit channel number, press "GO" again and pause, then press "1" and see a quick flash of yellow light.

For remote version 3 do the following;

1) Press the "GO" button in the lower left corner of the remote. You should get a flashing red and green light appearing on the remote. If the flashing red and green light does not appear be sure you have removed the plastic packing strips sticking out of the back of the new remote.

2) While the light is flashing red and green press the classroom radio channel number. For example, if the channel number is 80 you would press 8, 0. If the channel number was 7 you would press 0,7 because each channel number is a two digit code (thus 0,7 instead of just 7). Once the channel number is entered the flashing red/green light should turn solid yellow.

3) Now press "GO" again while the light is solid yellow and the light should turn solid green to confirm you are logged into the correct classroom radio channel.

So in summary, the login for the radio channel in the classroom for version 3 of the remotes is press "GO", see a red/green flashing light, enter the two digit channel number, see a yellow light and press "GO" again and see a solid green light.

**Ok, I'm in class now and my remote is properly logged into the correct radio channel.
How do I respond to a question my instructor asks in class?**

If you have properly logged in your remote to the correct classroom radio channel all you have to do to answer a question in class is press the button for your answer. For example, if you think the correct answer is "3" or "C" then press that key. You should see a solid green light on your remote that tells you the answer was recorded by the computer. If you have not registered your remote at WebCT you will still get a green light when the computer records your answer but the computer will then toss your response out unless you are registered properly at WebCT.

I've now answered questions in class, how do I check my scores afterwards?

Your instructor should be regularly posting TurningPoint in class quiz results so you can check to be sure your responses are being properly credited to you. Instructors can do this automatically through WebCT but they may choose to post it somewhere else instead so ask your instructor where you can find your scores.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM YOUR REMOTE IS PROPERLY REGISTERED THROUGH WebCT VISTA, PROPERLY LOGGED INTO THE CORRECT RADIO CHANNEL FOR YOUR CLASSROOM AND TO REGULARLY CHECK THE POSTED RESULTS TO BE SURE YOU ARE BEING PROPERLY CREDITED WITH YOUR SCORES!!!