Requiring Students to Purchase Clickers

Instructors who make regular use of clickers in their classroom can opt to have their students purchase their own clickers as a requirement for a course or program.

How it works

- The students purchase their own i>Clicker student remotes, which they are required to bring to class.
- The Teaching and Learning Center provides the instructor with their own i>Clicker instructor remote.
- Classrooms where "clicker required" courses meet are equipped with i>Clicker base receiver units that are permanently installed.
- The instructor runs the i>Clicker software off of a USB flash drive that they bring with them to the classroom.

How much does it cost the student?

Both new and used i>Clicker remotes are sold in the ICC bookstore. Also, clicker rental options are available. After the semester, students can sell their remote back to the bookstore, so long as there are able to demonstrate that the device can be powered on.

Clicker Student Remote (New):	$40.00
Clicker Student Remote (Used):	$30.00
Sell Back to the Bookstore:	$15.00
Clicker Rental (New):	$24.00
Clicker Rental (Used):	$14.10

Note: The prices are set when the ICC bookstore places it's i>Clicker order, and it is possible the prices will change slightly from semester to semester.

If the student takes more than one course that requires clickers, the student can use the same remote for all of their classes.

How to make the arrangements

If you decide that you would like to make it a requirement for your students to purchase clickers for one of your courses, you need to contact the ICC bookstore to make the arrangements.

Contact the ICC Bookstore Textbook Coordinator, Lee Ann Potts, and let her know which of your courses you would like to make clickers a requirement for.

- As a general rule, clicker orders are due in to the ICC Bookstore at the same time textbook orders are due. These requisition due dates vary a little bit from year to year based on when the college releases the class schedule.
    - > **SPRING SEMESTER** orders are due around the middle of October.
    - > **SUMMER and FALL SEMESTER** orders are due around the first week of March.
- If you are adopting clickers for your course for the first time, contact the Teaching and Learning Center so that they can **provide you with an i>Clicker instructor remote**.
- Make sure that the room you will be teaching your course in is equipped with an i>Clicker base receiver unit.
    - > **Let your class scheduler know that you plan to use clickers**. They should select "i-Clicker base" as a feature that you need in your classroom when the schedule is being created. This should ensure you are scheduled in a clicker-ready classroom.
    - > The Teaching and Learning Center coordinates the installation of i>clicker base units into additional classrooms.

Requiring Purchase vs. Clicker Set

ICC has a number of sets of 40-50 i>Clicker student remotes that are available to be reserved for a course for the entire semester, or for a one time use. If you are unsure about how much you want to make use of the clickers during the semester, try using a clicker set.

Advantages of requiring students to purchase clickers:

- Save time in class—with the clicker sets, the remotes have to be distributed at the beginning of class and collected at the end of class.
- No heavy clicker set for the instructor to carry to and from class.
- Shift the responsibility of replacing dead batteries or locating missing remotes from the instructor to the students.
- Free-up clicker sets for other instructors who wish to start using them.