How are URI Faculty using Technology in Courses?

Generally, what percentage of your URI instructors have integrated some form of technology in their coursework?

- 0 (0%) use none
- 1 (2.8%) use some
- 6 (16.7%) use modestly
- 11 (30.8%) use moderately
- 14 (38.9%) use extensively

Which learning management platform did you use in your high school?

- G Suite for Education (Google Classroom): 28 (77.8%)
- Microsoft 365 (Outlook, Word, PowerPoint): 14 (38.9%)
- Moodle, Canvas, D2L, Schoology, Blackba: 4 (11.1%)
- We did not use a digital learning platform: 4 (11.1%)

How do you prefer to submit assignments?

- 88.9% digitally
- 8.3% orally (in-class presentations)
- 8.3% I like submitting assignments online and in print, that way I have a dated submission receipt to use if there are any issues, I like the comments I receive on my work with printed copies.

Which platform do you mostly prefer to use when DRAFTING assignments?

- 30.6% directly within Sakai tools (Assignments or Forums tool)
- 25.0% Google Apps (Docs, Sheets, Slides, etc.)
- 14.3% Office 365 Apps (Word, Excel, Prow..., etc.)
- 9.2% 3rd party textbook apps (McGraw H...)
- 9.2% Text editors (Notepad, Notion, etc.)
- 9.2% I write everything on paper
- 6.6% Google and pages documents
- 6.6% Paper and google docs

Which platform do you mostly prefer to use when SUBMITTING assignments?

- 30.6% directly in Sakai tools (Assignments, Forums tools etc.)
- 30.6% Using Google Suite collaboration methods (Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides...)
- 14.3% Office 365 sharing apps (OneDrive, SharePoint...)
- 9.2% Textbook platforms (McGraw Hill, F...)
- 9.2% Dropbox or other cloud-based rap...s
- 6.6% Email submission
- 6.6% Printed copy (handed in during clas...)
- 6.6% Sakai and printed copies
Student Comments:

We polled 36 URI students asking them about their current coursework technology experiences at URI and this is what they said...

“I hate how many classes rely on McGraw Hill Connect because its super expensive and only used for a semester or two”

“It would be much better if we were able to buy a platform with a one time subscription for all classes instead of having to buy a new one every semester. Find cheaper alternatives if possible.”

“Only use it when absolutely necessary. Top hat shouldn’t be just for attendance it’s a waste of money.”

“Learn more about the technology so they can better help students if there are technical problems.”

“I think more classes should use technology because it makes students more engaged and more likely to participate and ask question in class”

“Everyone should get google classroom and then we all just use it for everything and don’t have to switch between google Sakai Microsoft and everything else”

“I don’t like the fact we have to pay for things we don’t use that often like iReef and connect”

“Please reduce prices of online tools, especially those that are only utilized for one thing and never used again.”

“If we have to pay for a subscription to some forum/service, fine, but every professor at the university should use that one if they choose to use a digital platform at all.”

“I think having to pay for a subscription to TopHat or any other outside company is ridiculous. One of my professors made us get a subscription to TopHat for attendance purposes ONLY which only added to the financial burden of college.”