

Personal Response System Information

Introduction to Personal Response System: We will be using Personal Response System (PRS) technology in the classroom. This is similar to systems being used elsewhere on campus, but the transmitters kept in this classroom will work only in this classroom and transmitters for other classes will not work in this classroom. You will be assigned a transmitter which you will use to answer multiple –choice questions posed during class. You will be given three chances to answer each question and your third answer or the last answer you entered when time ran out will be the answer that is counted. After the time limit has run out, a graph will be displayed showing how many people chose each answer option. We will then discuss the question as a class.

Transmitters: For the semester, you will be assigned a handheld transmitter, with a 6-digit ID number, which is kept in the classroom. It is your responsibility to remember your 6-digit transmitter number and to pick-up (at the beginning of class), use (during class), and return (**immediately after class**) the corresponding transmitter. A list of the assigned transmitters will be posted on WebCT. The transmitters are to be stored in their assigned slots in the assigned boxes located in the classroom, with the **label and on/off light showing**. Students who fail to return transmitters directly after class will be immediately contacted. If a transmitter is lost or broken, please contact your instructor immediately. You are not to use the transmitter of any other student, as this will be considered cheating.

Answering Questions and Response Map: You are responsible for making sure that your transmitter is read. There are 6 receivers in the classroom. You should point the transmitter at one of these when you are responding and check that your box on the PRS response map has changed colors to indicate that your answer was received. You will be given 3 chances to enter an answer (unless time runs out, in which case the last answer entered will be counted). After the receiver has read your first answer, your box on the response map will turn pink. After your second answer has been read, your box on the response map will turn green, and after you enter your last answer, the response box will turn red. Confirmation that your answer has been read will be given when you see your response map box change colors. If you enter an answer that is out of range (for instance you enter 3 when there are only two choices), your response map box will turn yellow. This will not count as one of your chances and you should re-enter a valid answer. Your third answer or the last answer you entered when time ran out will be the answer that is used for grading.

Grading: The Personal Response System sessions will be graded for correctness after each class. These sessions will count toward the participation portion of your grade. After you have signed in, you can earn up to 4 participation points per class (for a maximum of 100 points for the semester). **Note that if you have not signed in to class, you will be unable to receive any points for PRS use.** You will receive 1 point for an incorrect answer and two points for a correct answer (up to four possible points per class). If no PRS question is asked in a class, then you will be given 4 points if and only if you have signed in.