

Video and Lecture Capture Tools

Comparison Matrix

Below is a list of the most common video and lecture capture tools used at Towson University. Below the table is a guide to help you decide which tool to use.

Product or Software	Primary Focus	Used to	Scenario	Miscellaneous	Cost/Level of Difficulty	VPAT
Webex Teams	Online Meetings Instant Messaging Unified Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send instant messages Share monitor, video (webcam), audio Share applications Conduct on-line meetings Share whiteboard Emergency Communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just in time meetings Instant message service Creating a quick message Conduct on-line meetings 	Asynchronous Synchronous	No cost to TU Faculty Staff or Students Intermediate	Click here to view the VPAT for Webex Teams
Skype for Business	Lecture Capture Instant Message Online Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send instant messages Share monitor, video (webcam), audio Share applications Create polls Conduct on-line meetings Share whiteboard Record a basic lecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just in time meetings Instant message service Creating a quick lecture or message Conduct on-line meetings 	Asynchronous Synchronous Must log-in using credentials	Included in Office 365 and Office 2016 Easy - Intermediate	Click here to view the VPAT for Skype for Business
Panopto	Lecture Capture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record desktop, video (webcam), audio Livestream an event Convert a PowerPoint presentation into interactive video 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record a lecture Deliver video and audio 	Asynchronous Synchronous – webcast Storage on their site *Cannot support major edits	No cost to TU Faculty, Staff or Students Easy-Intermediate	Click here to view the VPAT for Panopto
Webex	Lecture Capture On-line webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct on-line meetings Share desktop, applications, video, audio Create polls and tests Record video, audio, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record a meeting Lecture capture Interviews 	Asynchronous Synchronous	No cost to TU Faculty Staff or Students Intermediate	Click here to view the VPAT for WebEx
Blackboard Collaborate Ultra	Virtual Office Hours Group Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with groups Provide convenient office hours for students A single sign-in classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One on one help for students Virtual presence 	Integrated with Blackboard Synchronous Polling Break Out Groups Firefox/Chrome only	Free for Faculty Intermediate	Click here for view the VPAT for Blackboard Collaborate

Decision Tree

The following decision tree will help you decide which tool to use.

If you want to...

Conduct a Video Conference

Then use Webex, or Webex Teams. These products offer support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Webex and Webex Teams are global leaders for web conferencing.

Quickly Instant Message a Colleague

Then use Webex Teams or Skype for Business. Assuming the other colleague is using the same tool you can instantly chat and share content.

Record a Lecture for Use at a Later Date

Then use Panopto. With direct Blackboard integration and a minimal look and feel, this tool will quickly help you produce a lecture for use later on.

Deliver an Online Lecture

Then use WebEx. It is available free of charge for you and students. Call quality is strong and you can deliver a slide show or share any other content with your viewers.

Meet With a Student Virtually

Then use Blackboard Collaborate. Integrated into Blackboard, this tool allows you to quickly meet with students to answer questions, collaborate with them or hold virtual office hours.