Link to Lecture Tools from Blackboard

The following instructions will guide you to create a link to Lecture Tools from Blackboard. Lecture Tools allows you to import any existing PowerPoint® slideshow and enhance your presentation with interactive activities. When you are ready to begin your class, simply launch Lecture Tools to teach with real-time comprehension alerts, incoming student questions, and integrated student response features. Lecture Tools presentations can be accessed by you and your students from a content area in Blackboard. These instructions along with others are available on the Information Technology site on MyParker.

1. When you enter the course, select an existing content area or create a new one. When you enter the content area, select Lecture Tools from the Tools menu.

2. Just as you would any other assignment, add a name. You also have the option of adding a description, an attachment, making this Lecture Tools activity gradable, and setting availability dates. Click Submit when you are ready to create the Lecture Tools link.

3. Click on the Lecture Tools assignment link.
4. A new browser tab or window opens (depending on your browser's settings) showing Lecture Tools. If this is your first time accessing Lecture Tools, create a password, as shown in the figure below. You will only have to do this one time.

5. After creating a password, you must either create or link to a Lecture Tools course, as shown in the figure below. This is the course that will be linked to your Blackboard course.

If you have not already configured a course in Lecture Tools, you must create one. The figure below shows the information requested by Lecture Tools for a new course. Enter the information that corresponds to the Blackboard course to which you want to link. You will only have to do this once per course.
6. Once the course is created, create a specific lecture for that course, as shown in the below figure. Use a Lecture Title that easily identifies this lecture and ties it to the specific Course lecture to which it will be linked, such as the subject of the particular presentation. Repeat this step for each lecture for which you want to provide Lecture Tools materials. You can import the slides from a prior lecture if necessary.

![Lecture Tools Setup](image)

7. Create the lecture materials. Once published, this lecture's materials will be linked through the tool link you created in Blackboard. This will allow students to participate as you present the questions during your lecture or presentation. Remember (and remind them) that students MUST ACCESS the Lecture Tools recording using the course link and NOT via a direct link to see your polling materials and participate in class.

When students click the Lecture Tools link, the Lecture Tools presentation materials are listed, along with selections for responses. Keep in mind that you can hide or unhide lecture materials throughout the presentation which will allow each poll or quiz question to be shown individually as appropriate.

Responses are recorded in Lecture Tools, allowing you to review the responses in real-time (for Live presentations) or later as appropriate.

If you selected to make the Lecture Tools item gradable, student responses can be sent directly to the Grade Center in Blackboard via the Lecture Tools interface.