Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Middletown
iClicker Systems

iClicker Group A and B

A number of classes or labs are divided into A and B discussion groups. Attend these classes in your assigned group. Students will only be graded when they attend the discussion session with their assigned group A or B. Students that attend the alternate session will receive a zero grade for that session.

No loaner iClickers and no batteries

iClickers will be distributed to students on the first day of school. TouroCOM does not temporarily lend iClickers to students who have forgotten to bring them to class. Similarly, it is the student's responsibility to make sure their iClicker batteries have sufficient charge. The IT department does not provide batteries for student use.

Lost iClicker

If you lose your iClicker you can replace it at a cost of $50.00 - payable by check to "Touro College Dean's Fund".

Excused Absences

Excused absences for iClicker sessions are authorized ONLY by the Dean of Student Affairs. Excused absences will be recorded as "AA" on blackboard and will not be calculated in the final iClicker grade at the end of the semester. Students should refer to the Student Handbook for details on requesting an excused absence. In the event that an excused absence is not granted, then the policy for "unexcused absences" (below) is followed.

Unexcused Absences

An unexcused absence will be counted as a missed iClicker session and will result in a grade of zero for that session.

iClicker Grading

Student responses as recorded by the iClicker grading system are applied to a student's final grade as indicated in the course syllabus. iClicker grades are calculated based upon the percentage of questions answered correctly over the entire semester. A student may miss one session during the semester, during which an average number of questions are asked, without penalty. Sessions that a student has an excused absence for will not be counted.

Some teaching laboratories also use iClickers for interactive sessions. These lab sessions may be graded, however, no lab clicker grades are dropped. Similarly, there is no dropped iClicker grades in a course where the iClicker is used only for attendance purposes. Students should check the course syllabus for the final grade breakdown of each course.

Inappropriate use of iClickers
TouroCOM has a zero tolerance policy for the inappropriate use of iClickers. Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to the following: a) students found to be entering iClicker answers for someone other than him or herself.   In this situation, both students will be referred to the Dean of Students Affairs for disciplinary action. B) students who mistakenly or purposefully switch iClickers with one another. This is also a violation of the Code of Conduct and will be referred to the Dean of Student Affairs.

Don't forget to "re-click"
Be aware that in those discussion sessions which require students to chose an answer a second time (for example, after a 2 min discussion), students must in fact "re-click" during the second polling to get credit, even if their answer selection has not changed from the first polling.

Check Blackboard frequently
Check your iClicker grades weekly and notify administration immediately if there is any perceived discrepancy in your grade.   When checking your grades please note the following: two dashes [--] means you did not click in and thus were marked absent. If you received a "0" it means none of your answers were correct. If you do not see an iClicker grade for a particular date, check the course syllabus to ascertain if you had an iClicker class on that date.

iClicker Disputes: Policy for Administrative Review of iClicker Grades
Please note that it is the student's responsibility to maintain a functional clicker and to ensure that they are actually "clicking in" (Check your batteries, keep

extra). A registered response is indicated by a check mark that appears on the iClicker screen after a selection has been made.

Process for requesting an Administrative Review of iClicker Grades
1. Students with concerns about a particular clicker session can submit in writing a request to the IT department to attain a copy of their selected answers and score report.
2. To request an administrative review of their iClicker grades, the student must submit an email to the Preclinical Dean detailing the exact concern. The score report from IT should be attached.
3. The student will be notified within one week of the outcome of the review.

iClicker session grades posted to Blackboard will stand, *except*

1. when upon administrative review it is found that "grading" or "grade reporting" errors effecting the whole class were made;
2. when upon administrative review it is found that grades recorded by iClicker were incorrectly transferred to Blackboard;
3. when a student who received an excused absence for an iClicker session from the Dean of Student Affairs mistakenly had a zero recorded for that session.

Deadline for requesting a review of iClicker grades

To avoid last minute iClicker grade issues at the end of the semester, there is a firm deadline for reporting concerns with iClicker grades for the first and second halves of the semester. All iClicker grade issues arising during the first half of this semester must be reported by October 15, 2016. All iClicker grade issues occurring between October 15 and the end of the semester must be reported within 2 business days after the last clicker grades of the semester are posted.