

# Class Management Tools

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## Course Management Systems

## Residential MITx

The Residential MITx is a platform based on [Open edX](#) used for authoring and distributing online course content.

## Canvas

[Canvas](#) is a modern, easy-to-use, cloud-based Learning Management System (LMS) that brings instructors, students, and course content together in online course sites. Access courses from anywhere, on any device. It also integrates course sites with popular services including Zoom, Piazza, and Gradescope. See more: [MIT Canvas Landing Page](#)

## Microsoft Teams for Education

Microsoft Teams for Education is a suite of online collaboration tools that brings together instant messaging, threaded conversations, meetings, audio and video chat, desktop and file sharing, and more to support remote work and learning. It contains teams tailored for classes, staff, professional learning communities or other groups on campus. Clubs, organizations, and even study groups can create their own team to collaborate online.

- [Getting started with Microsoft Teams for Education](#)
- [Microsoft Teams for Education Landing Page](#)

## SloanSpace

SloanSpace is no longer supported as a course management system. See Stellar above.

## Course web lockers

Course lockers are Athena shared directories that can be used to store class materials, datasets, or specialized applications which can then be accessed or run from Athena workstations. Course lockers can also be used to serve web pages under [web.mit.edu](#). For more information:

- [IS&T Athena User Accounts](#)
- 617-253-1101
- [accounts@mit.edu](mailto:accounts@mit.edu)
- [Submit a web request](#)

## MIT OpenCourseWare (OCW)

MIT OpenCourseWare (OCW) presents an opportunity for you to find open educational resources created by your colleagues at MIT for use in your own courses, and to extend your impact by sharing your own course materials and teaching methods with the world. You've invested many hours in preparing and teaching your MIT residential course. Our [baseline publication process](#) for faculty requires very little from you beyond what you have already done. To begin, please contact us at [ocw@mit.edu](mailto:ocw@mit.edu) or 617-253-7913.

- [MIT OpenCourseWare](#)
- [MIT OCW Educator](#)

## Communicating with Students

## Class email lists

Athena mailing lists can be populated with official Registrar's student lists (from WebSIS) to support class communications. Athena lists can also be used to control access to Athena course lockers.

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## Registrar's lists

WebSIS Registrar's lists of registered students. Available to instructors and departmental administrators.

For more information:

- [SSIT](#)
- [websis-notify@mit.edu](mailto:websis-notify@mit.edu)

## Instant Messaging

As an alternative to teleconferencing and email, instant messaging has been growing in popularity. MIT hosts several of its own instant messaging services, and members of our community often use both MIT and commodity services.

## Wikis

Wikis and similar collaborative applications have come to be standard workplace and educational tools. IS&T offers wiki spaces to groups via a centrally-managed wiki application.

For more information:

- [IS&T Educational Applications](#)
- [helpdesk@mit.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mit.edu)
- [Submit a web request](#)
- [Request a new wiki space](#)

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