



# Managing Laptops and Mobile Devices in the Classroom

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**WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?**

# Physical Barrier



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# Multitasking



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# Distraction

“No laptops allowed in classes where students are likely to be chatting with their friends or facebooking instead of listening/notetaking. It's just as distracting for those around as it is for the student with the laptop.”

“Get people off the internet for pete's sake. Half the class is chatting with friends via social networking sites during lecture. Does that not bother the professors?”

[DU students talk about laptops](#)

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## Students and Technology, Constant Companions


At Woodside High in Redwood City, Calif., students are immersed in personal technology, complicating the job of those responsible for their education. Hear five students talk about their relationship with technology, and watch a video about the school. [Related Article »](#)



Needing to Answer That Text



Feeling Left Out



The Illusion of Social Interaction

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

# Note taking

“There should be a consistent policy regarding the use of technology like laptops in class. It makes class much easier if we can use them.”

“I believe that because DU requires its students to have laptops, we should be able to use them in any class we choose. What is the point in having a computer if we cannot use it in class to take notes? I would love to be able to take notes on my computer in every class, but unfortunately I am not always allowed to do so.”



# Aid to learning



# Access to information

88% of DU students think that wireless access to the Internet is necessary for a learning-enhanced classroom\*



\*According to CTL Winter 2010 Technology Survey

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## DU professors who ban laptops anger student

By [Leslie Gehring](#)

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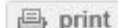
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Every DU student is required to spend several hundred dollars on a laptop. But all too often, these laptops are underutilized. They sit on dorm room desks for weeks at a time, not being taken to a single class.

Why? Because professors ban them from classrooms.

Now, there are some professors who make great use of the technological advantages of laptops. They post readings on Blackboard so students can reference them on their laptops in class. They have students submit in-class assignments electronically, cutting down on the amount of paper used.

But for every professor that embraces the required laptops, there seems to be at least one who bans them from class, usually under the excuse of not wanting students to be distracted by them.

But when did it become the responsibility of professors to babysit the young adults in their classes?

If a student is not paying attention because he's chatting on Facebook, that's his problem, not his professor's.

# Panel Discussion

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