

February 2021 - CircleIn Presentation  
Faculty Senate

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What is CircleIn?

- CircleIn provides a place where students study and collaborate remotely with classmates and peer educators (such as tutors). They earn points for different “study actions,” and then the top earners get to cash those points out for gift cards, and can even become eligible to win scholarships!

Why did we launch CircleIn?

- The student survey we sent out in Spring 2020 and other feedback from students throughout the year showed that students were struggling with connection, motivation, and the tools to stay organized with remote learning. We wanted to provide WOU students with a tool that has proven to help with the problems they have been experiencing during remote/online learning.

Why promote CircleIn to your students?

- Benefits - CircleIn offers a variety of study features like creating flashcards, sharing notes, asking questions, and forming group discussions and study halls. It has features like “Learn Mode” which lets students create a quiz with flashcard decks they have made, and it has productivity tools like “Workflow” to help students stay organized and productive.
- Students are most likely to utilize the tool if they are encouraged to do so by their instructors.
- We have purchased a 1 year subscription as a COVID-19 response, using CARES Act funding. Now students need to use it so we can test it out, assess it, and determine whether the benefits justify subscribing for another year.

Resources for CircleIn

- [Faculty 1-pager](#)
- [Faculty Hub](#)
  - Has videos, flyers, instructions, and ideas for how to promote CircleIn in your courses.
- [Faculty Welcome Guide](#)
- [Faculty Admin Dashboard](#)
  - Faculty Dashboard [User Guide](#)
  - Has metrics to see how students are using CircleIn in your classes.

What we need from Faculty

- Invite your students to use CircleIn, and make sure they understand the benefits

- Students will benefit most if the entire class uses it. The environment is intended to provide students with ways to connect with each other outside of class, as they would do if they were on campus.
  - Share the [student introductory videos](#) with students
- Help students find CircleIn
  - Canvas “Help”
  - Moodle Sidebar
  - CircleIn Mobile App: [Google Play](#) and [Apple](#)
  - CircleIn Web App: <https://app.circleinapp.com/auth>
  - For further promotion in Canvas, faculty can add CircleIn to their course navigation bar by adding a custom link. Instructions for adding a custom link are available [here](#)