

# Student Comments from the 2007 Podcasting Survey

## Response

The only negative for podcasts is that it is hard to hear students talking. I really only used the pod cast for a review session I missed, but it is reassuring to know they are available.

Encourage other professors at <my law school> to podcast! As an adult returning to law school, and feeling technologically challenged at times, perhaps some assistance (show how) to utilize the technology would encourage the "experienced" professors to try it. It's a great service for the students. Thanks!

Figure a way to compress the files so that they are not so large. They take a long time to download and take up a lot of space depending on what type of storage device being used. Compression prior to posting for student use would be a big help. Other than that I have no issues. I like it!

Get all classes to be podcast so that emergencies are easy for all to make up.

Great educational tool. I really wish more Professors would take advantage of podcasting. It really helps when you've missed something, want to review a point, or just listen during other downtime to help review.

I am thrilled that my class is on Podcast. It really helps when I'm preparing my outline. I wish all my classes were on Podcast.

I have not listened to any podcasts yet, but I have been in attendance for every class thus far in the semester. I plan to utilize them towards finals time if I have any questions about the material, as I think they will be extremely useful at that time.

I haven't needed to use the podcast for 2 main reasons - 1) I haven't missed a class and don't need to re-hear the lectures because 2) Professor <x> is an amazing teacher who makes everything clear in class. However, I think it's great that the classes are offered on Podcast, in the event that I do need to miss a class.

I love the podcasts, every class should have podcasts.

I only had one class in which podcasts were utilized. I think it is very helpful as a way of reinforcing material by listening to it multiple times.

I really enjoy the podcasts they help out a lot.

I think it's a terrific idea. The technology is easy, it's portable, can be used in many locations. I find it helpful to fill in gaps in notes, to review something that I might not have gotten clearly the first time, or I might just hear it differently in the pod cast. I update my notes and use it for outlining. Offered two identical courses, I would choose by professor first and time offered, then pod cast option but I am a part time /night weekend student who works FT

I was in a study group that divided up the podcasts for transcription. It helped immensely to "read the podcast" and listen to the podcast simultaneously. Perhaps "transcribed" podcasts could also be made

available to students.

I wish more classes/professors offered this opportunity. It's such a great idea and a wonderful tool so that you can go back and make sure you are clear on a particular topic, plus, since you can put it on your MPS or iPod, you can listen to it anywhere (while at the gym, in the car, on a walk), so you don't necessarily have to be attached to your computer or an internet connection (once downloaded) to listen to it. I think it definitely increases access to information for students, since it is accessible anywhere at anytime for use anywhere, anytime, and I think it also is helpful for students who learn better audially, rather than visually, so that come review time you can do more than (or other than) simply read books and review notes, but relisten to the material. It's a wonderful tool technology has given us as students!

It really helped me do well in the class; wouldn't have if I didn't take the time and effort to listen to everyone and take notes throughout. very grateful!!

It would be better if the microphones picked up the questions presented in class by the students. Sometimes, the professor would fail to repeat the question, and then I had no idea what she was answering.

It would be great if more professors knew about and used podcasts in their class room. Great for picking up points that students might have missed, without wasting class time going over the same thing twice just because one or two people did not get it the first go around. Thanks

It would help if the room was wired so that I could hear the other students better.

It's a good idea, especially if you miss class. But with the workload in law school, taking the time to listen to podcasts is similar to attending another whole class period, which cuts into the time we can use for reading. It has been nice to have the security of knowing we can fall back on them if we get lost in class. This might be far-fetched, but is there some way to implement voice recognition software to transcribe the podcasts, so we can look up certain parts of the lecture without having to listen to the entire podcast?

It's not easy to review quickly. I had to download a mp3 splitting program to break the lecture up into tracks. It might be helpful to have small breaks in the files so that you could download a part of the lecture rather than an entire class period. I really don't think it's useful to review, only as a protection in case I have to miss class for an event.

Love podcasting! I hate missing class but if I do miss class for a legitimate reason I know that I won't miss out on the important information because I can listen to the whole class discussion rather than just copying down someone's notes. Also, being a student I am constantly reading and it's nice to actually learn by listening.

My only complaint would be when only one section of a class is available. If my question arises out of what happened in my section, sometimes listening to the podcast only creates more confusion. However, given the technological and logistical constraints of podcasting every single class it is definitely something that I can work around. Overall, podcasting our classes has been tremendously helpful. In particular if a topic warps the mind - then students can listen to the professor's lecture on their own and stop/start as needed.

Please podcast all classes! It is SO helpful!

Podcasted classes are like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. You'll never use them but you rest easier knowing that they're there. And you'd be upset if someone tried to take them away.

Prof. <y> podcasted but she also recorded weekly summary podcasts that were supremely useful for reviewing the material. I understand that it requires the prof. to expend more time, but the payoff for the students is big.

Professors repeating student questions so they can be heard on the podcast would be very helpful.

so far it is find just the way it is

Some professors voices don't pick up well on the overhead mikes so I have to crank the volume all the way up on my computer to hear them. Don't know if that's something that can be improved on or not, but it's worth noting.

Sometimes it is hard to follow the podcasts based on charts and things that end up on the board. Also it is hard to hear student answers to questions which Professor <x> is very good about repeating but sometimes its easier to understand when heard twice.

Sometimes the podcast for our class is very hard to hear even with the sound turned all the way up on my computer...is there some way to ensure that the class is recorded at a louder volume?

sound quality should be improved

The menu's and organizaiton for downloading are poor. Put them up on iTunes.

The podcasts are very beneficial during the semester; but, I anticipate they will be even more valuable during final exam studying/prep.

The podcasts are very helpful if you miss a class (unfortunately I have not). Sometimes, the material can be confusing as well and you can listen to the podcast to clarify your notes. I like the availability of the podcast although I did not use it much for this class (again b/c I didn't miss any classes). If a professor would be willing, an outline of the class would be effective to support the podcast.

There is some concern about student comments being recorded. This may have been intimidating to class discussion, at least in the early part of the semester. Found the concept summaries and sample test review podcasts helped a lot in preparing for exams.

there is still an echo on the recordings. Once that gets fixed, everything will be great!

They are very very helpful - great way to review while running, walking or driving!

This has been a great tool to use when reviewing notes or needing clarification on an area that was confusing in class. If I wasn't able to keep up with typing notes in class, I can go back and listen to the podcast to fill in holes. It's also helpful during review for exams because our study group will start arguing about a certain point and we can pull up the podcast and hear the exact comments made during class. I only have one professor doing the podcasts, but I wish that more of them would do it because it's been really helpful. Thank you for providing this service to our professors.

This is a wonderful opportunity to go back and hear a class gain to clarify points of confusion, refresh your memory, etc. I hope more of my <law school> law professors taken advantage of the technological advances to help us students. Thanks!

This is the best bloody idea to come down the pike in a while. I love it. <3 podcasts.

Very helpful to organize notes and when I was unable to attend class.