

	Adobe Connect	Wimba Classroom	Scopia Desktop†	CourseCast†	iTunes
Recommended Use	Classes or online Office Hours with some participants not in Banner/Blackboard	Classes or online Office Hours with all participants in Banner/Blackboard	Collaboration with colleagues at a distance	Classes, tutorials, lectures, screen capture	Audio/Video supplemental support for students
Best Practices	Presentation to a distant audience; limited chat/response; maximum of 50 participants; record/view recording options. PC/Mac.	Synchronous interactive audio and/or video; Blackboard integration; record/view recording options. PC/Mac.	Synchronous h.323 interactive collaboration; desktop and/or Polycom; maximum of 72 participants; record/edit/view recording. PC only.	Presentation to a distant audience. Robust indexing and publishing to web. Note taking. Captioning. Capture from classroom or local computer on or off-line. PC/MAC	Asynchronous delivery of an audio or video recording designed for media players.
Data					
Video Chat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Downloaded file
Voice Chat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Downloaded file
Desktop Sharing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Synchronus/asynchronous	Both	Both	Both	Both	Asynchronous
Recording	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately	User Controlled
Archiving	6 weeks after end of term	until deleted	TBD	TBD	User Controlled
Functionality					
Edit Recordings	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Before uploading
Student access	connect.auburn.edu	Through Blackboard	Desktop Application	Web interface	iTunes
Streaming Playback	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (download)
Accessibility	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Technical					
Formats	Flash	Java, MP3, MP4	Stream Only	WMV, Podcast, VidPodcast RSS	MP3, MP4
Hosting	Either	Either	Here	Here	Either
Security	128-bit SSL	N/A	S RTP encryption	LDAP Authenticated	LDAP Authenticated
Integration					
Active Directory	Yes	Yes	Probable	Yes	Yes
Blackboard	No	Yes	No	No	No

† Scopia Desktop and Panopto are ACES-AG resources that may be available upon request

* Video delivered on far end - no synchronous video interaction

** Audio delivered on far end, no synchronous audio interaction. Participants may text chat questions in synchronous mode or take/leave notes in asynchronous mode.