



# Classcaster®

## WHAT IT IS?

Classcaster® is a course website, blogging and podcasting system that provides faculty, librarians, and staff of CALI member schools with an exciting and engaging way to interact with students and the world.

## HOW CAN I USE IT?

- ♦ Professional Blogging
- ♦ Student Blogging
- ♦ Podcasting
- ♦ Course Website/Course Management System
- ♦ Casebook and course supplement publishing

## WHY USE IT?

- ♦ *MORE ENGAGING CLASSES* Blogs are a great way to discuss class material, post follow up materials and encourage student interaction.
- ♦ *FLEXIBILITY* Classcaster® is powered by Wordpress, an open source web publishing platform with an active development community. It provides more flexibility than most traditional course systems, not only in the content you can post, but in the look and feel of your blog or website.
- ♦ *EASE OF USE* Creating and using Classcaster® is as easy as using email or a word processor.
- ♦ *PERSONALIZED SUPPORT* CALI® staff are always available to walk you through any issues.
- ♦ *PORTABILITY* No silos or locks here! If you want to switch to a different system, moving your content is easy. You can also import your existing work from elsewhere as well.
- ♦ *LOTS OF GREAT FEATURES* Wordpress alone is an excellent blog management system. Plus, we've installed some extras unique to Classcaster®. Polls, the ability to embed CALI lessons, and class forum and chat capabilities are just a few optional features built into Classcaster®.
- ♦ *PODCASTING TOOLS* Whether you want to host a regular Podcast, record lectures and post them for your students, or add multimedia to your course, there are plenty of podcasting options in Classcaster® to help you create and maintain a podcast. Classcaster's unique *Phone to Blog* features allow you to record a podcast and have it posted directly to your Classcaster® blog by simply making a phone call.
- ♦ *PRIVACY CONTROLS* You can control who can see, participate in, and help administer your Classcaster® site. You can limit to just your students, let the entire world see or anything in between.
- ♦ *NO ADVERTISEMENTS.* And it's still free for all CALI member schools!

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