

Using aPlus+ in the Classroom (Instructors)

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aPlus+ is an attendance-tracking tool that is integrated with Canvas through a third-party application. It enables teaching teams to set specific attendance sessions on a timetable to manage student check-ins. From an instructor standpoint, the check-ins can be administered manually using custom statuses, or you can allow students to sign in using a specific alphanumeric or QR code, within a timeframe that you specify.

This article describes aPlus+ for faculty use in the classroom, after aPlus+ has already been set up in your course. For more information about the initial aPlus+ setup, see [Getting Started with aPlus+ in Canvas \(Instructors\)](#).

Before You Start

You will need:

- Access to [Canvas](#)
- Instructor-level access to the class that is using aPlus+.
- aPlus+ set up in your Canvas course.

For help with any of these, contact your [Wharton Computing representative](#).

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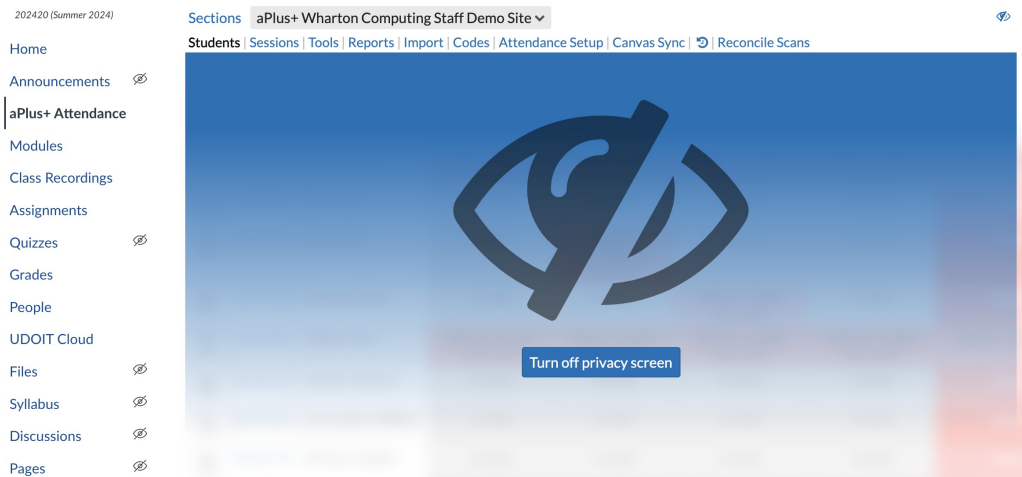
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Once your attendance is configured in aPlus+ and ready to go for the in-person check-in process, you'll need to start up the classroom system and log into the canvas.upenn.edu site with your PennKey username and password.

aPlus+ Attendance Tab

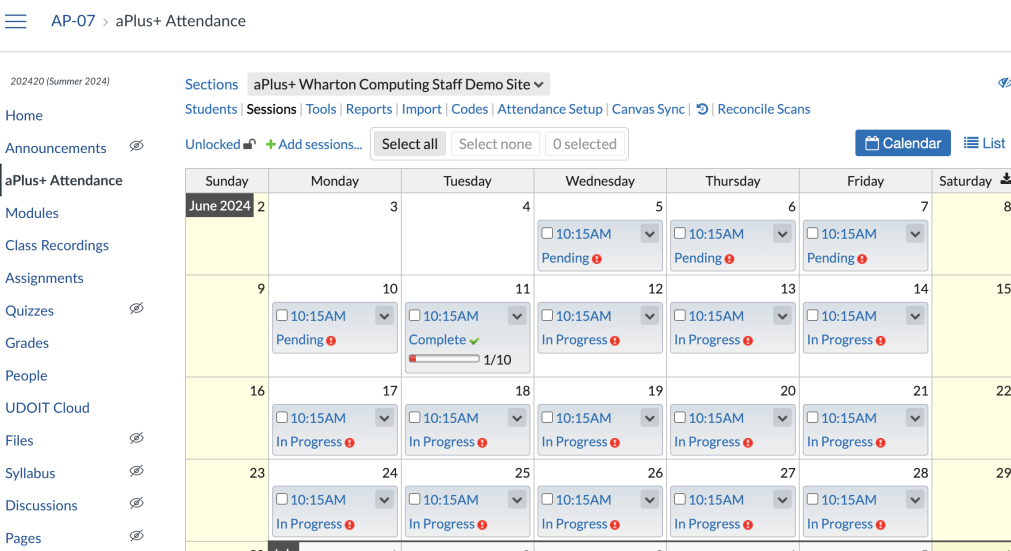
Make sure you start by **choosing a section** (e.g. *1:45pmMGMT1110-001-Fall2024*) which corresponds to your class start time (or, in the WEMBA program, your section number).

When you first click on the tab in your Canvas site (as long as **aPlus+ has already been accessed and timetables have been configured**), you'll see a privacy screen protecting student data from being projected on the in-class projectors:



To turn off the privacy screen, select the blue **Turn off privacy screen** button shown in the screenshot above.

Once this is turned off, you'll typically be taken to where you left off in the application. In this example, the Sessions tab is open, showing the attendance sessions on the course timetable:



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Codes - Activating the check-in process

For any upcoming sessions, you can project either a QR or alphanumerical code that students must scan or enter in the aPlus+ attendance app in order to check in for class that day. [Read More](#)

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Projecting the Code

If you would like to allow students to check in for the first few minutes of class, then you will need to project your course content and the aPlus+ codes at the same time.

- Physically touch the classroom desktop screen to see two virtual desktops
- Touch the screen on the right (PC - EXTENDED)
- Set up your aPlus+ Check-in codes on this screen
- Navigate back to PC - MAIN and set up your class content

- Use the Small Screen - Advanced Options
 - Project PC - Extended to your screen of choice
 - Project PC - Main to your screen of choice

For more information about Advanced Projection features, please see [Using Technology in the Classrooms](#).

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FAQ

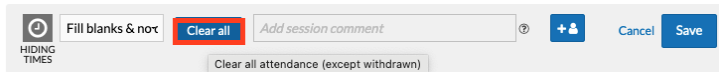
Q1: Is there a way to have the QR code visible outside of Canvas, or do I need to have my whole Canvas page up while the attendance check-in session is open?

A1: For the QR code option, since this does require a manual start, you will need to have the Canvas window containing the QR code open. If this is a static QR code that is displayed somewhere on a PowerPoint, the Canvas window can be minimized, but the code does have to be active and running for this to work.

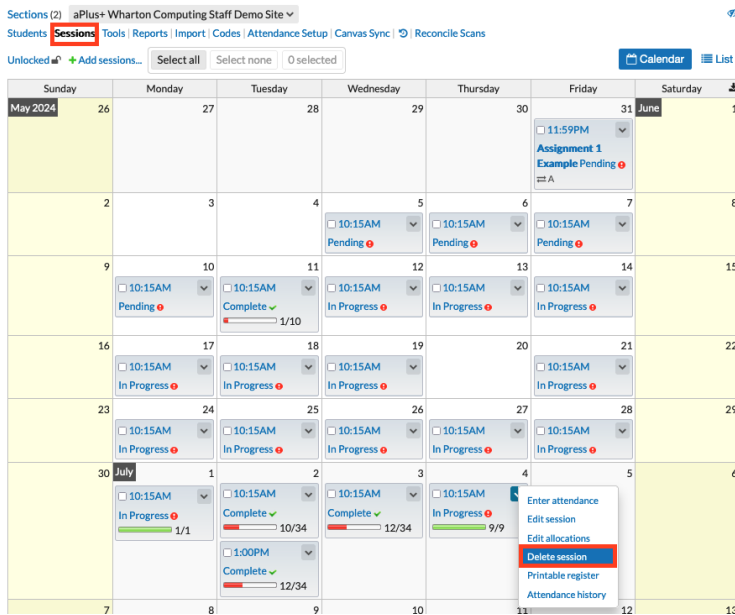
Q2: I want to delete a session, but it contains attendance data. How can I get around this?

A2: In order to delete a session containing data, you will first need to clear the data using the "Clear all" button found within that session:

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Once you've selected "Clear all," you will need to click the blue "Save" button shown above. Then, return to the Sessions tab, select the dropdown for that day, and "Delete session":



Q3: I'm trying to adjust the attendance records for certain students who were not able to sign in using the code. Where do I go? When I'm in the "Students" tab, none of the names are clickable.

A3: If you click on the date at the top of the column, it will take you to the attendance for that session where you can adjust the attendance status for your students:

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Show: 1 week | Change | Today

11 Aug 2024 - 17 Aug 2024

Mon 12 Aug 10:15AM	Tue 13 Aug 10:15AM	Wed 14 Aug 10:15AM
no data	no data	Attended
no data	no data	Attended
no data	no data	Attended
no data	no data	Attended
no data	no data	Attended
no data	no data	Late
no data	no data	Attended

Once you're in the session data, clicking on the attendance status will open a drop-down menu where you can select the appropriate attendance status. Once you have adjusted this for all of the students, please remember to click the Save button at the top of the screen:

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Clear all | Add session comment | + | Cancel | Save

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Late			
Absent - excused	nk, Jim	Comment	
Absent - unexcused			
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For any questions related to aPlus+ Attendance that are not addressed in this article, please view the [Canvas instructor guide](#).

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Troubleshooting tip: If you are using Safari and encounter any access issues, please refer to our [Using web browsers with Learning Tools](#) article covering the use of Safari with Canvas learning tools. If you have trouble in Chrome, try using a different browser, like Firefox.

If you need more assistance, please contact your [Wharton Computing representative](#) for support.