# New for Fall 2016 in your Online Classes

## Resources for the new Discussion interface

As you know, the Academy's new online discussion interface launched last semester. Lots of resources are available to help you and your students get up to speed.

- **Online Teaching Lounge**
  Get some hands-on practice and ask questions of Online Education staff. If you are not enrolled in the Lounge but would like to be, please send an email with your LMS username to Jenny Michael.

- **Online Teaching Library**
  Tutorials, cheat sheets, and much more! Check them out here: **Discussion Navigation**.

- **Online Workshops**
  We are offering two online workshops: (1) a **general overview and Q&A**, and a workshop on (2) **grading & critiquing online**. Check out the schedule: **Teacher Training Workshops**.

## A new way to critique images



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A new tool called "**Notes**" lets you annotate students' images by adding callouts, along with text, audio, or video commentary. And you can do all this from your smartphone or tablet! (Or your computer, of course.)

This new tool is a first step toward replacing the existing Flash-based whiteboard, which will continue to be available in the meantime.

## Now available in the Apple App Store: Academy of Art University Classes!



**Academy of Art University Classes**
By Academy of Art University
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**Description**
Welcome to Academy of Art University Classes. This app gives you access to your online classroom, student portal, grades, notifications, and more anywhere you go.

With this app you can:
– Access online course content
– Submit assignments, take quizzes, and exams and view your grades
– Participate in class discussions
– Receive real time notifications to discussion posts, posted grades, and general Academy announcements
– View your course outline and class roster

We are always adding new features, so keep an eye out! Please send comments or bug reports to feedback@academyart.edu

View in iTunes

This app is designed for both iPhone and iPad

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Our **free app** enables faster, easier access to your online classes on your iPhone or iPad. The Classes app is currently only available for iOS (9.0 or above). An Android version is coming soon.

Note that there are several other Academy of Art University apps available in the App Store. The Classes app does not replace these.

1. Visit the  Apple App Store

   to download and install Academy of Art University Classes.

2. Log in your Academy username and password. After you have logged in, access is protected by thumbprint verification.
3. If you have difficulties installing or using the app, please contact the Online Help Desk at 888-431-2787 or online@academyart.edu.

## Notifications for students

A new **notifications tool** lets students know when their online instructor has taken an action that affects them directly. This includes:

- Making a new post
- Posting a comment the student's post
- Marking up an image the student has posted
- Grading an assignment
- Posting progress, midterm or final grades
- Adding an Instructor Update to an assignment

Notifications can be viewed by clicking the bell icon on the main toolbar at the top of any page in the LMS.

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