

## Samsung Galaxy Tab 3

### *Why do I need a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3? How can I use this in my teaching?*

A Samsung Galaxy Tab could be a valuable addition to your teaching methods. Similarly to the iPad, this tablet is a smaller, lighter, and more portable version of your computer. With various free apps, you can edit and create documents and slideshow presentations, communicate with your students faster and from any location, and review the text you are teaching right before class.

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* has collected articles and reviews of teaching with tablets. In [a post about the positive uses of teaching with tablets](#), English professor Alan Jacobs mentioned many of his tips and tricks to using his tablet for and in the classroom. Some of his uses include quickly creating presentations right before class and saving all of his files immediately to Dropbox. In addition, your Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 has a flash drive option, which would also allow you to save a presentation created on your tablet and then immediately plug it in to your computer for class.

In *EdTech Magazine*, [an article](#) written by Tom Jordon, University of Wisconsin's network operations center manager, discusses the advantages of a Samsung Galaxy in higher education. Some of the advantages listed are its ability for convenient note taking as well as "an essential investment if much writing is to be done". According to Jordon, the tablet also has a long battery life and abundant storage space—both of which could prove useful in classroom situations.

Lastly, [here is an infographic](#) that briefly depicts why technology—specifically tablets and smartphones—successfully assists education. The bottom of the infographic also lists specific ways that higher education is using these devices.

### *Okay, so can I try one out?*

The Instructional and Information Technology Group has a tablet to lend to instructors. Please see the Assistant Director for more information on how to borrow it.

### *How do I set up a Samsung Galaxy?*

Official Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 [User Manual](#): Instructions begin on page 9.

## *How do I put apps on my tablet? How do I take them off?*

### How to download/uninstall an app:

You download applications through Google Play. [This link](#) explains how to download both paid and free apps.

The User Manual also discusses applications on page 134.

## *How do I protect my data when I'm done?*

### How to perform Factory Data Reset:

Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 [User Manual](#): Instructions are on page 146.

## *Okay, I have a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3. Now what?*

### Suggested apps to get you started:

#### *Free:*

- **WordPress:** If you use a WordPress blog site for your class, you can manage it (create/edit posts, view/moderate comments) from your tablet.
- **Dropbox:** Dropbox is like an online flash drive—you can save any documents, photos, and videos to Dropbox and then access them anywhere. With the Android app, you will automatically be able to save documents to Dropbox and access any previously uploaded documents on your device. You can also share documents with students through Dropbox as long as they have an account.
- **Google Drive:** This is where you can also upload/share your documents and files. You can also access other documents that have previously been shared with you. It is similar to Dropbox except that you can also create and edit Google Docs and Google Spreadsheets. Able to view PDF's and Office documents with this app, too.
- **Canvas for Android:** Our ELMS is powered by Canvas Instructure. This app allows you to access your ELMS site from your tablet.
- **The Diamondback:** This is the app for UMD's newspaper. This could be useful if you plan on using articles for examples in class or want to refer to local news as the app offers real-time news access.
- **Dictionary.com:** Free dictionary in case you need a quick reference or definition for your class. Offers audio pronunciations and origins as well as voice search.

- **Kindle:** You can download and read books for class on the Kindle app. This app also allows you to annotate the text and check eBooks out of a library. It also has a built-in dictionary.
- **TED:** If you like TED talks or use them as part of class material, this app could give an easier way to search for specific topics of talks. You can browse by themes or tags.
- **Attendance Tracker:** You can use this app to keep track of attendance and participation. Names can be imported from Google Spreadsheets and you can export the information to Excel. This would be useful if participation is required during each class.
- **Scoop.it:** Some teachers use Scoop.it as a research resource for their students. It allows you to curate content. Must already be a user of Scoop.it to use the app.