



**Stanford** is taking that a step further by linking the [Piazza](#) social learning platform with one of the most popular **iTunes U** courses: Professor [Paul Hegarty's iPad and iPhone App Development](#).

*The new social media aspect of the course builds on a technology many students already use: Piazza, a social learning platform. Stanford students taking the classroom version of Paul Hegarty's programming course, on which the online course is based, have used Piazza.*

*Earlier versions of the 10-week apps course have proved enormously popular, with individual lecture videos downloaded more than 10 million times.*

*The inclusion of Piazza will enhance the learning experience, said Brent Izutsu, Stanford's program manager for iTunes U. "There is an enormous potential for collaboration and community-building through Q&A and problem-solving with friends from across the globe," he said.*

*Those enrolled in the iTunes U class are expected to answer questions as well as ask them, while the course captains facilitate discussions and drive students toward correct answers.*

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