

## Zoom Etiquette

Not many students and faculty are used to Zoom classrooms, so we have put together some helpful tips on what to expect and how to treat your Zoom classroom as a professional learning environment.

1. **Be on Time** – In the same way as an in-person classroom, being late to your Zoom class can be disruptive and cause you to miss important information. Build a routine to help you be on-time and ready to learn in your classes.
2. **Turn Your Camera On When Possible** – This contributes to a sense of community in the virtual classroom and allows for more personal discussions between peers. Let your professor see you are engaging with the class. Try not worry too much about your background—the Dean of Students Office can offer tips if you're worried about the background and your computer doesn't support a virtual background. If your bandwidth makes it hard to maintain a connection when the video is on, explain that to your professor, and let the Dean of Students Office know—there may be ways to help with that. If you cannot turn your camera on, connect with your professor regarding other ways to engage during class (e.g., through the chat function).
3. **Consider Your Visual Environment** – Avoid things like moving around your house, working out, or lying in bed during a class meeting. If you want to use a virtual background, consider the audience when you choose your design.
4. **Avoid Eating Unless the Instructor Says It's OK** – You wouldn't pull out your In N Out meal in the middle of a classroom. Always best to ask if you're not sure about what your professor considers ok when it comes to eating on a class zoom.
5. **Consider Your Audio Environment** – Background noises are sometimes hard to avoid but can be distracting to you and your peers. Please mute when you are not speaking, and try to use headphones when possible to reduce this disturbance and make it easier for your peers to hear you when you are contributing to discussions. If you need some tech or financial support related to headphones or computer cameras, please let the Dean of Students Office know.
6. **Professor's Rules Go** – If your professor requests that you raise your hand in the chat for questions, raise your hand in the chat. If your professor prefers you to interrupt lecture and just start talking, then go for it. Try your best to do what your professor prefers in these situations to avoid disrupting their flow.
7. **Don't Multitask** – If you feel tempted to start shopping, or watching a program during class, resist! It detracts from your and others' class experience. Be respectful and pay attention in class. The learning matters, and the internet will still be there for you! [Check out these distraction reduction apps to help.](#)
8. **Dress Appropriately** – Whatever you would wear to a normal classroom, wear that. You wouldn't show up to class shirtless, in a robe, or in pajamas (we hope) so there is no reason to be dressed like that on Zoom.