

Netiquette 101: Tips to Participating in a Virtual Classroom

Following these guidelines will help you get the most out of your online learning environment!

- **Present yourself professionally:** Dress for your remote class the way you would for an in-person class.
- **Do not join a virtual classroom while you are driving.** Please be safe!
- **Control video and audio quality:** Attempt to hold meetings in quiet, indoor locations to control background noise. Always mute yourself when others are speaking!
- **Think about your background:** Try to provide a nice, plain background. Place your pets in another room and mute your phones and electronics.
- **Camera position:** Ensure your camera is framing your image correctly. Try to center your head and shoulders in the shot.
- **Keep your eyes and attention on the screen.** Refrain from multitasking or walking around. Make an effort to put away phones, turn off televisions in the background, and ask family members to wait to speak to you until a break occurs.
- **Become familiar with the chat feature.** Instead of interrupting a lecture, ask relevant questions by using the chat function. Not sure how to share your comments or ideas? Ask the professor for suggestions.
- **Have concerns that your disability is affecting your virtual experience?** Reach out to the Disability Services office to discuss your concerns with an Advocate.