Extended Classrooms: Remote Student Best Practices

Several of our classrooms allow instructors to teach a live class while broadcasting to remote students over Zoom. If you are one of those remote students, here are some things to keep in mind for the best learning experience:

**Before you log in**
- Make sure your computer meets Zoom’s [minimum requirements](https://www.zoom.us/system-requirements).
- Test your Zoom connection ahead of time using Zoom’s [test meeting](https://www.zoom.us/test-meeting).
- Test your device’s audio. For the best results, use a headset or headphones.
- Close any unnecessary applications running in the background that may compete for system memory or internet bandwidth.

**Log in**
- For security reasons, only students who are officially registered for a course will be allowed to log in and join the class.
- Log into Zoom using your ODU Zoom account and your real name.

**View the class**
- Use a computer or laptop (not a mobile device) whenever possible. This allows you to see more of the class at once and gives you the best view of the front of the classroom.
- Change your video layout to [Active Speaker View](https://www.zoom.us/support/zoom-help/active-speaker-view), and pin your instructor’s video window so that you can see the front of the classroom no matter who’s talking.
- View the class in [full screen](https://www.zoom.us/support/zoom-help/full-screen-mode) mode so your instructor and the whiteboard are easier to see.
- Be in a quite space

**Participate in the class**
- Mute your microphone when you enter the meeting.
- Chat is disabled in extended classrooms. To ask a question or make a comment, unmute your microphone. In Zoom for Windows or Mac, you can easily unmute yourself by pressing and holding the space bar.
- Overall, follow your instructor’s recommendations for interacting in class.