Brightspace & Zoom Workshop for International Students

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Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.
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Where are you joining us from?
Connecting to the UVic VPN

A VPN allows you to access networks and services over a secure connection.

- We highly recommend you connect to the UVic VPN for your online courses.

https://www.uvic.ca/systems/support/internettelephone/remoteaccess/index.php
Check your device requirements

In order to have a successful study experience, your computer or tablet must meet some minimum standards.

https://www.uvic.ca/systems/status/features/min-tech-requirements.php
What are Brightspace & Zoom?

UVic's central learning platform—where you can access all your registered courses.

Specific Courses Sites:
- Brightspace
- Course materials & information
- Assignments & quizzes, etc.
- Live lecture links

You will use **Zoom** for Live Lectures
Register for Zoom

To access UVic Zoom, go to uvic.zoom.us and sign in with your NetLink ID and password
Use your UVic Zoom Account for your live (synchronous) sessions

Before your class begins

1. Set up and sign into your UVic Zoom account first.

2. Find your class Zoom link in Brightspace.
Important:

• If you are placed in a waiting room, you must sign in with your NetLink ID & password

• Check the "participants" tab: If it says “guest” beside your name you have not logged in with your UVic account
Check-In

Questions so far?
Participating in Zoom
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Tips for Success with Zoom

1. Make sure you sign into sessions with your UVic NetLink ID and password every time.

2. Test your audio and video before your session.

3. If you can't attend a live session, find out if you can watch a recording.

4. Need closed captioning on a recording? Talk to your instructor.
Check-In

Questions so far?
Brightspace Demos
Tips for Success with Brightspace

1. Keep up with your course schedule. Read your syllabus carefully.

2. Remember that participation is often counted in your final score for the class—check your syllabus.
Tips, cont'd

3. Actively contribute to group work and class discussions. Take initiative—don't wait for others to start.

4. If you can't access your course materials (video, reading) contact your instructor immediately.
Check-In

Questions so far?
Challenges & Tips for International Students

• Feeling like you belong: making friends online
• Education style: giving opinions, participation, expectations for online learning
• Student-teacher relationships online
• I need help: where can I get it?

https://www.uvic.ca/international/home/international-commons/index.php
Some Advice from Current International Students

Natasja's Tips:

1. Take the time to meet with professors outside of class during drop in hours, for example.
2. Find a partner in your cohort or class that you can check-in with about assignments and throughout your course of study.
3. Find different ways of accessing course content that may not be in the syllabus such as videos, articles, books, conversations with classmates and professors.
Monica's tips

1. Give yourself breaks. I use the 5/50 rule = 5-minute pause for every 50 minutes of work. Just walk around your room or close your eyes while listening to some good tunes!

2. Multitasking is a myth. Do one thing at a time. Put your phone away.

3. As an international student, you might feel pressured to produce text in 100% correct English. There are **good** resources available for checking language (sorry Google translate).
Q&A

What questions do you have?
Key Resources & Supports

UVic Learn Anywhere
https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/LearnAnywhere/

International Student Services -
https://www.uvic.ca/international/home/contact/iss/index.php
Give us feedback!

Fill out our short 2-minute feedback form (link in chat)