Zoom Tips for Students

1. Test your Audio setup in your personal Zoom Room

Quality audio is essential to a successful Zoom meeting. Using a headset or earbuds with a microphone is recommended for the best user experience. Prior to joining a live session, we also encourage you to start a zoom session of your own to test your audio settings.

Zoom can be accessed at virginiatech.zoom.us

2. Be aware of your surroundings and minimize distractions

While you are preparing for your Zoom session, try to pick a spot that is quiet and free from distractions such as other people, pets, and TVs. It is easy to be distracted in the comfort of your own home, so a good meeting spot will help you stay focused.

3. Check your internet connection

A reliable internet connection is essential, especially when using multiple features within Zoom. Restrict gaming and other entertainment uses of your connection to ensure maximum availability for educational purposes. Consider limiting your participation to audio only if your connection speed is limited.

4. Make sure your Mic and Webcam are turned off when entering your Zoom session

If the Zoom session does not automatically mute you, then please take a moment as soon as you enter to mute yourself. There may be a chance that everyone in the room can hear you and others around you speak and type.

5. Ask questions appropriately

Unless specifically addressed by your instructor, default to raising your hand or typing in chat for all questions.

6. Accessing lecture recordings

Instructors are encouraged to record all lectures so they are available to students. These recordings may be distributed through Canvas or by direct link. Consult with your instructor on how they plan to provide access.

We are all here to support your success as a student—4Help.vt.edu is on hand to help with any technology questions or problems you may have.