

Student Guide for the HyFlex Classroom

What is “HyFlex”?

In a HyFlex model, students can decide for each class whether to attend remotely or in-person (assuming classroom capacity requirements are adhered to). Classroom lectures are recorded and streamed synchronously over Zoom using in-class camera technology (lectures can be viewed by learners later for review or, if a learner was not a synchronous participant). Remote learners can communicate synchronously with classroom learners using Zoom, Sakai Chat, or an alternate live communication technology.

Preparing for HyFlex Learning

If you are participating in a HyFlex course, your teacher will provide you with policies for both remote and in-person attendance. This document will simply provide you with some best practices for using the technology involved in HyFlex learning.

Best Practices for Remote Students

- If you are a remote student joining a live session via Zoom, be sure to keep your microphone muted until you are called on to speak. You can also [mute/unmute](#) yourself by clicking the space bar on your keyboard.
- If your camera is on during class, try to reduce visual distractions in the background, and aim to have good lighting. Note that you can use [Zoom’s virtual background](#) to block out the room behind you.
- If possible, log into the Zoom session from a laptop or desktop computer instead of using a tablet or smartphone device. This makes participating in activities such as Zoom chat a lot easier.
- Note that in Zoom you can do [side-by-side view](#) to see the speaker and the content being shared at the same time. You can also [pin a video](#) if you want to keep it in your main view.
- Be patient with the fact that the instructor may not be able to see your hand raised or your question in chat. It can be difficult to monitor everything during a live lesson. If you have a question that does not get answered, follow up with the instructor after class.

Best Practices for In-Class Students

- If your instructor asks you to bring a device to class, note that you should make sure it is fully charged, and that you should bring headphones as well.
- If using a device in class to join Zoom, mute your mic and turn off your audio.
- The classroom microphones are typically good at picking up audio from anywhere in the room, but be mindful of speaking up for those students joining via Zoom.