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How-To Be Creative With Video in Your Class



Keeping your course fresh and interesting throughout the term can be challenging in an online environment. Especially if you've had to rush to prepare a remote teaching version of an otherwise live course. One of the many ways we can keep things interesting is with the use of video. Students will appreciate the opportunity to break-up their readings with some media. In this

post we look at a few creative ways you might use video in your remote or online class yet this term. Image: CC0 via [pixabay](#)

[Click here for some different ideas around using video in your class.](#)

WebEx Drop-In: Remote Teaching - Q&A

Do you have questions about how to get things done in an online or remote environment? Connect with one of DEU's Instructional Design Team members who've been there before in an informal, drop-in session Tuesday at 2pm. We'll be on hand to answer questions about how to work with the educational technologies available on campus and give you some tips and tricks to using them effectively with your class. Come with all your queries. Ask the experts. With hundreds of online course developments under our belts, we've seen it all before.

Tues. May 12th at 2pm-3pm

Remote Teaching - Q&A

[WebEx Drop-In Session](#)

Did you know...Designing for Remote Teaching Can Be Dirt Simple?

[Mike Caulfield](#) is currently the director of blended and networked learning at Washington State University Vancouver, and head of the Digital Polarization Initiative of the American Democracy Project, a multi-school pilot to change the way that online media literacy is taught. He's recently put together the [Dirt Simple Online Course](#) for those needing an easy solution to remote teaching.

The Dirt Simple Online Course sequence consists of four blog posts containing text, screenshots, and short videos outlining what a minimal online course would look like and how to set it up, step-by-step.

If you've been looking for a dirt simple way to get your course delivered remotely, THIS IS FOR YOU!

EDTech News: Canvas by Instructure is the new USask LMS!

It's official! USask is moving away from the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) to [Canvas by Instructure](#)! And I've got to say, the **Instructional Design Team** at the **Distance Education Unit** are very excited!



All faculty and instructors will have access to Canvas in June and will be able to log in and explore the new platform. A full suite of professional development opportunities will also be available in June. You will receive an email about these as soon as they are open for registration.

In the interim, you can explore resources on [how you can start learning about Canvas](#). These resources will be updated often, so please check back regularly as we add to our support materials.

Please visit these websites to read more about [how and why we are making the change](#) and [timelines and integrations](#).

DEU support and contact information

The **Instructional Design Team** at the Distance Education Unit can help you design online activities, assessments and other online appropriate elements to your remote teaching or fully online offerings. Visit <https://sites.usask.ca/edtech/> for more helpful tips and tutorials as well as information on our support services and contact information.

Our **Instructional Design Team** is always happy to chat with you about learning technologies and strategies for using them effectively in your online or blended classroom. Our staff can help you with questions about,

- Full Online Course Development Projects
- Hybrid, multi-access and blended learning strategies
- Open Textbook and OER developments
- ePortfolios
- Engaging Online Assessments and Learning Activities
- Copyright Clearances, Acquisitions and OER Licensing
- Ensuring Accessibility standards are being addressed
- Ed Tech Support before and during delivery
- Course Quality Reviews and Recommendations
- Media resource development
- Resource curation and dissemination
- Non-Credit Learning Design

And much more. Just drop us a line to start a conversation deu.support@usask.ca

If you wish to be added to the DEUD mailing list, please send your NSID to deu.support@usask.ca

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