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Communicating remotely with your students

Connecting with your students remotely or in a fully online course can be very different than your face to face class. Let us provide you with some tips and tricks to get your class talking and on its way to being a great Virtual Learning Community.

[Click here for some ideas around remote and online communications.](#)

Student developed online learning guide



Learning to Learn Online was created by students through eCampus Ontario to help ease the shift from a traditional classroom setting to an online environment. Students will explore a total of six unique chapters that will help them successfully prepare for online learning.

This might be a great resource to send to your students the first week of class to get them

prepared for a semester online.

[Click here to access this Learning to Learn Online guide](#)

Creating a class intro video that expresses care for your students

This is a great resource from the University of Windsor. As professors it is important to find one concrete way to show care to our students at the beginning of the semester. The students will connect with you personally, and have enhanced understanding of the course logistics. It is this humanizing introduction of yourself and the connection and description of the course that will help set the stage for enhanced student success!

[Read more about and see some examples of, some great class intro videos](#)

Feeling overwhelmed with the transition to remote learning?

In my position as an instructional designer I get to work with faculty across campus to design online courses. Often in meetings our conversations will focus on uncertainties and well-being. Teaching online or remotely can be overwhelming. Our campus is a busy place and exhaustion is too often the norm. The training sessions, websites, emails, newsletters and ideas for transitioning to remote learning can feel heavy.

[Here are just a few ideas to keep in mind as you focus on the Fall 2020 semester.](#)

Wellness supports and services

Wellness Strategy



USask is committed to creating an inclusive wellness environment that supports our diverse students, faculty and staff. We will embed wellness in our institutional fabric, create opportunities to engage, ensure access to resources, supports and training and evaluate our progress over time.

[Read more about the USask Wellness Strategy of Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, and Healthy Life](#)

Employee and Family Assistance Program



The University of Saskatchewan cares about its employees and their family members and provides EFAP as a resource to help you deal with personal and work-life concerns.

[Read more about accessing the Confidential Counseling, Financial Information and Resources, Legal Support and Resources, Work-Life Solutions, and Wellness Strategies available through your EFAP.](#)

Wellness Calendar of Events

[Find out more about upcoming Wellness events and opportunities at USask](#)

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,

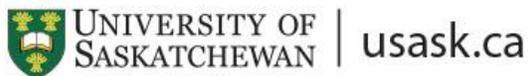
- Full Online Course Development Projects
- Hybrid, multi-access and blended learning strategies
- Open Textbook and OER developments
- ePortfolios
- Engaging Online Assessments and Learning Activities
- Copyright Clearances, Acquisitions and OER Licensing
- Ensuring Accessibility standards are being 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

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