



Tips for Video Conferencing

With Deaf or Hard of Hearing Students

Improve Visuals:

1. Make sure the light source (window, lamp) is in front of you, not behind you
2. Choose a plain background with decent contrast

Improve Audio:

1. Choose a quiet location
2. Use headphones with a microphone (such as the white ones that come with iPhones)—makes it easier to hear and increases accuracy of captioning
3. Speak clearly and at a normal pace

Teaching Strategies:

1. Mute all students to decrease background noise
2. Name the person you are calling on so the student knows where to look
3. Use the chat feature to highlight or clarify important information/vocabulary
4. Record the session so the student with hearing loss can review it again later
5. Use captions: automatic web captioning is available in Google Slides. For other programs, you can open up Web Captioner in a separate Chrome window