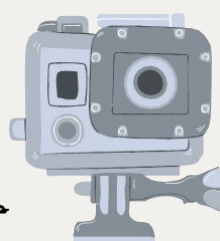# Welcoming New International Students

Quick Tips to Get Started

1.

Create a short video

Introduce yourself and your course to your students. Tell students to switch on closed captioning / transcription. If students can't attend the first class, a video is a great resource to help them catch up.
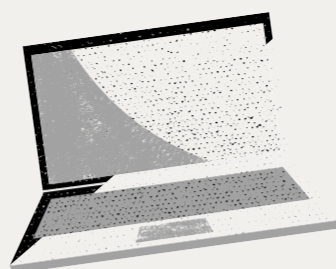
2.

Establish 'classroom' etiquette

Classroom 'norms' (live and virtual), vary across cultures. Be clear about what you expect. As a class, create a list of guidelines.

Survey your students

3.

Find out where they are from / attending from, what access they have to technology, anything they are concerned about etc.

4.

Provide multiple ways for students to connect with you

Relationship building is key to keeping students coming to class. Weekly 'check-in' emails, announcements and office hours can keep the dialogue open.

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5.

Connect students to each other

Help students connect in and out of class: icebreaker activities, working groups, discussion boards etc. Use classroom activities to connect different students with each other.

Use post-it notes (dotmocracy) to reply to questions or anonymous contributions on Jamboard. Get students to brainstorm answers in pairs / groups rather than asking for individual responses. Some students will need more thinking time before engaging.

6.

Vary ways for students to engage

7.

Present information in different ways

Use images and visual cues to help you explain the topic clearly. Record lectures and include closed captions / transcriptions.

Practice patience and repeat, repeat, repeat

8.

It takes time to adapt to a new culture. Students may need lots of reminders.

Need help?

Check out the resources on the Teach Anywhere website or to discuss specific strategies for your course, email Margaret.Hearnden@nic.bc.ca