

Creating Accessible Course Content for Students with Hearing Loss

Live Course Delivery:

Automatic Live Captioning is available for Zoom and Google Meet. These have been automatically enabled for your account. You will need to turn them on before each class. Please follow the instructions in the links to enable live captions for your synchronous presentations.

Recorded Content

Best practices recommend pre-recording videos using Panopto or Zoom. If pre-recording, [Panopto Automatic Captions](#) and [Zoom Automatic Captions](#) will allow you to create a transcript of your audio file that can be used to add captions to the final video. There may be some editing to ensure that the captions generated are 100% accurate. The transcript can also be posted to your course documents to support students note taking and learning in the course.

Please be aware that any other multimedia formats in your course such as website videos, YouTube, Publisher Resources, TED Talks, Podcasts all need to have accurate captions and/or have a transcript provided.

If you or your students will be creating multimedia content in the course, you may want to use or provide instructions [YouTube Automatic Captioning](#) as part of the assignment. Please review all automatically generated captions for accuracy. You can edit the captions in YouTube and most platforms. Please post the videos with captions and also add the transcript as a separate file in your course materials.

Please consider utilizing the following strategies when presenting live or recording:

- Use a noise-canceling microphone instead of the device (computer) microphone. Many modern laptops have Bluetooth capability so you can use Bluetooth enabled headsets or any headset with a microphone.
- Limit the background noise in the area you will be lecturing from.
- Consider the camera angle as students may want to read your lips during the lecture.
- Ensure that there is good lighting in the space you are recording with lights positioned in front or above you not behind you.