## Flex Checklists

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#### Checklists

- Checklist A: Flexible Teaching Technology
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#### These checklists and considerations are adapted from:

- Five Tips for HyFlex Teaching with All Learners in Mind from Columbia's Center for Teaching and Learning
- <u>Teaching HyFlex Courses: Teaching and Learning Guide</u> from Texas Woman's University

# **Checklist A: Flexible Teaching Technology**

Before your first class, you might find it useful to review how to do the following things:

- 1. Initialize podium computer and data projector.
- 2. Access all your files.
- 3. Start video conference through your choice of Zoom or Microsoft Teams.
- 4. Through the video conference platform, connect the speakers, camera, and microphone.
- 5. Use camera controls to switch between audience and presenter mode.
- 6. Select "HD" under camera feed.
- 7. Turn auto-tracking on and off as needed.

- 8. Control sound volume and mute/enable ceiling microphones as needed.
- 9. Use "blank displays" if you need to access something privately from the podium.
- 10. Do frequent sound checks to ensure virtual learners can hear the classroom.
- 11. Mute ceiling microphones if there is unintended background noise.
- 12. Share your screen and switch between applications as needed.
- 13. Know how to deploy breakout rooms and recall students.
- Know how to contact ITS for help if needed.
  Make note of ITS's emergency classroom support email addresses.

## **Checklist B: Flexible Course Design**

The following are suggestions that you might consider useful in your Flexible course:

- 1. Design active learning opportunities and collaborative activities for students attending online class sessions and students attending face-to-face sessions.
- 2. Use collaborative tools (e.g., Google docs, Padlet, etc.) to connect students across participation modes.
- 3. Include a variety of assignments (in-class and outside of class sessions) that demonstrate mastery of course objectives to allow for student choice.
- 4. Share presentation materials in the Learn@Seneca course so they can view them before, during, and after the online class sessions.
- 5. Provide clear, step-by-step directions for students on how to join the online class session and a link to join the session.
- 6. Employ online surveys to collect student feedback after each class session (e.g., survey in Microsoft Forms or through Learn@Seneca).

# **Checklist C: Flexible Course Delivery Tips**

There are many moving parts of a Flexible course. Here are some considerations that you might find helpful as you review your facilitation plan:

- 1. Invite students to introduce themselves both live and in a Learn@Seneca discussion.
- 2. Use ice breaker activities (and equivalent) to build and sustain a sense of community.
- 3. Record your class (or those appropriate parts of the lesson) for those learning asynchronously. Share the recording in the Learn@Seneca module after class.
- 4. Create connections between the live and asynchronous students through educational technology tools such as Google docs, Padlet, Learn@Seneca Discussions, and more.
- 5. Consider inviting student volunteers to watch the video conference "chat" and to look for raised hands.
- 6. Facilitate a discussion with students about how to succeed in the Flexible course.
- 7. Consider holding online office hours to connect with students.