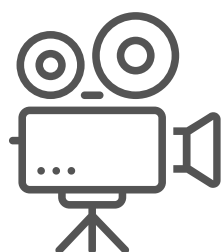


Tips for Improving Accessibility in the Classroom

Making the classroom environment accessible is just as important as making videos accessible. Here are some helpful tips!



1. Record Your Lectures

Always record your lectures whenever possible. Having a recorded version benefits **everyone**, including yourself!



2. Use a Microphone

If there is a microphone available in your classroom, use it! Even if it is a small room or you're a loud speaker, using a microphone is crucial for students who are hearing impaired.



3. Only Show Videos That Have Closed Captions

If you are showing an external video during your class, make sure that it has closed captions and that you turn them on.



4. Choose Accessible Fonts and Colors

The fonts and colors you choose can greatly affect the legibility of your presentation materials. For fonts, stick to Sans serif fonts (Calibri, Arial, and Open Sans) and for colors, you're always safe with black and white.



5. Summarize The Content You Will Be Covering

Students benefit from an outline of the material you will cover at the beginning of class. This helps students understand expectations, clarify their notes, and highlight important information.



6. Give Students Notice When Changing Classrooms

Give your students a heads up well in advance if you plan to switch classrooms. Some students may need to plan/practice their route to get more comfortable.



7. If you see an issue, report it.

If you notice an accessibility barrier in the classroom, or on campus, email access@mcmaster.ca to report it.