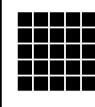
Camera use in Zoom: Making the right choice for your class

Why instructors may prefer cameras on



Simulates face-to-face learning



Difficult to teach to 'empty boxes'



Assists with community-building



To confirm student engagement



Promotes accountability and trust



Provides feedback via visual cues

Why students may have cameras off



Technology or bandwidth limitations



Hours on Zoom can cause fatigue



Issues of anxiety or self-consciousness



Invasion of privacy (self or surroundings)



Visible symptoms of illness



May have caregiver obligations

Consider

- 1. Establish expectations for using cameras early on, and explain your rationale.
- 2. Set norms for video conferences and the use of cameras.
- 3. Reassure students that recordings are for their own personal use.
- 4. Encourage, but do not insist on using cameras for discussions, virtual office hours, etc.
- 5. Have short conferences when face-to-face with students.
- 6. Ask students to make themselves visible while asking/responding to a question; or use chat.
- 7. In larger classes, some teachers ask students to turn their cameras off during lectures.



