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We hope you are settling into the online learning environment. If you haven't already, please check in with your students regarding what is working for them and what is not. As mentioned last week, perfect is the enemy of good—but even a small improvement can make a big difference.

Please continue to visit the [Academic Continuity Resources toolkit](#), which we will update as needed. In addition to our regular communications each Tuesday and Thursday, you also can refer to our [archive of previous messages](#) and follow ITS on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates and tips.

Today's topics:

- Preventing “Zoombombing”
- Academic freedom and remote teaching
- LinkedIn Learning
- Tips and tricks to manage the online transition

Preventing “Zoombombing”

While ITS recommends [Blackboard Collaborate](#) as the primary platform for synchronous classes and meetings, there also might be times when you use Zoom. Since there has been a large increase in Zoom meetings, internet trolls have been “Zoombombing” public meetings by sharing their screen and playing disturbing content. In an effort to combat this, the [University of Southern California](#) and [Zoom](#) have each posted tips for preventing Zoombombing.

Academic Freedom and Remote Teaching

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently posted an article about how professors are dealing with the possibility that their recorded lectures, videos and other course material could become [fodder for groups like Turning Point and Campus Reform](#). According to one lecturer in history and politics at Acadia University, “Faculty are alarmed because they are paying attention.”

LinkedIn Learning

Are you looking to develop a new skill or take up a new hobby? Syracuse University faculty have free access to thousands of videos and courses at linkedinlearning.syr.edu.

Tips and Tricks to Manage the Online Transition

We are all experiencing uncertain times that can lead to stress, worry and discomfort. As you transition to the online classroom, we will share **tips to stay healthy and successful**. Today's tip: time management. Create and maintain a daily schedule that resembles as much of your on-campus academic schedule as possible. Your hours can change as needed each day depending on time zones, course meeting times or workload.

As always, we invite your suggestions for future topics and your success stories. Thank you for all you do for your students and for Syracuse University.