



Zoom Basics for Students

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Resource Guide

Accessing Zoom

- **Access through the desktop app**
 - Download the Zoom app to your computer. When launching the app, select the option to sign in with SSO. Enter VCCS as the domain and login with your MyNOVA credentials.
- **Access through MyNOVA**
 - Login to MyNOVA and select the tile for Zoom. Select “Settings” to enter your Zoom account.
- **Access through Canvas**
 - Access Zoom from your Canvas courses by selecting the Zoom navigation from your Course Navigation Bar. (If Zoom does not appear, you will need to enable it under Settings > Navigation).

Scheduling a Meeting

- **Scheduling through the desktop app**
 - a. Open the Zoom desktop app
 - b. Select the Home button at the top left
 - c. Select the Schedule button
 - d. Enter in Topic, Date, and other related details and advanced options
- **Scheduling online**
 - a. Sign in to Zoom using MyNOVA
 - b. Select Settings
 - c. Select the blue “Schedule a New Meeting” button in the top right corner
 - d. Enter in Topic, Date, and other related details and advanced options

Inviting Participants

- Copy the link to the meeting and paste in an email

Starting/Joining a Meeting

- **Start/Join via meeting URL**
 - Open the email, calendar invite, or other communication that contains a link to the pre-scheduled meeting and select the URL to start/join the meeting
- **Start/Join through desktop app**
 - Open the Zoom desktop app and select Start from the list of upcoming meetings

Best Practices while in a Class/Meeting

- Sign in to the Zoom desktop app and stay signed in
- Check your internet speed. If you're on free or limited wifi you may need to keep your camera off to improve quality
- Turn your camera on and have your camera at eye level
- Stay muted unless you're talking to reduce background noise
- Make sure you sit in a well lit and quiet place
- Be mindful of what's going on around you. Think about using a Zoom virtual background or having a solid wall behind you

Host Meeting Controls



- **Mute/Unmute** - select the appropriate audio source(s)
- **Start/Stop Video**
 - Turn video on or off
 - Select/upload virtual background
- **Security Icon**
 - Lock meeting so no one else may join
 - Enable/disable waiting room
 - Allow participants to share screen, chat, rename themselves, unmute themselves, start video
- **Participants**
 - Mute/unmute participants individually or as group
 - Play join and leave sound
 - Enable/disable waiting room
 - Lock meeting

- **Chat**
 - Share file
 - Message individuals or Everyone
 - Stop/restrict participants from chatting
- **Screen Sharing Options**
 - Select Desktop to share entire desktop screen (if you have multiple monitors, you will see multiple choices)
 - Select Whiteboard to share whiteboard to annotate on
 - Select Application to share only a specific application (note - you can only share one application at a time)
 - Select Share Computer Sound for participants to hear sound on videos, etc.
- **Reactions**
 - Use reactions from Toolbar to add reactions
 - Reactions can be cleared from the Participant box