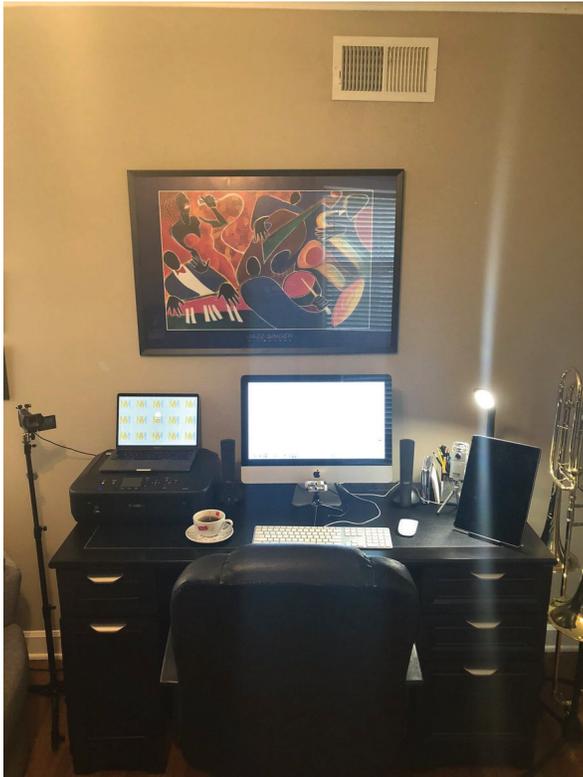


Keep it simple when you record your lectures. Below are some tips to save time and make a better recorded lecture. We promise they will help.



An actual LTU professors' desk setup "*nothing fancy needed*"

**Limit the length of your recordings** - Your class might be three hours long, but it's different when you're watching a recording. Break up your lecture into smaller, 10 - 15 minute videos. It results in a smaller file for faster upload/downloading. If you make a mistake, you will have less footage to edit and it is just better for learning.

**When recording a lecture think long term** - You can reuse these lectures in future classes, so DO NOT reference the weather, the date or even the semester. The minute you mention that it's a beautiful, warm summer day the video is outdated for the use in January. Stay focused on the content.

**Turn on your camera** - At least for some of your recordings. Many of us get nervous when the camera is on, but it does help your students connect with you. You do not have to turn it on all the time, but we do recommend that you turn it on for a few minutes at the beginning and end of your recordings.

**Keep a smile in your voice** - Talking to a computer screen with a camera on makes many of us nervous. Take a breath and slow down your speech. Some people even tape a picture in front of them so the 'smile' comes through in their recordings.

**Don't stress if you make a mistake or misspeak** - If you were in a classroom presenting the lecture and misspoke, you'd simply roll with it. Do the same in your recording.

**Use a microphone** - It doesn't need to be expensive. The earbuds that came with your phone will be fine. This makes your voice clearer and cuts down on background noises.

***Bad Example***

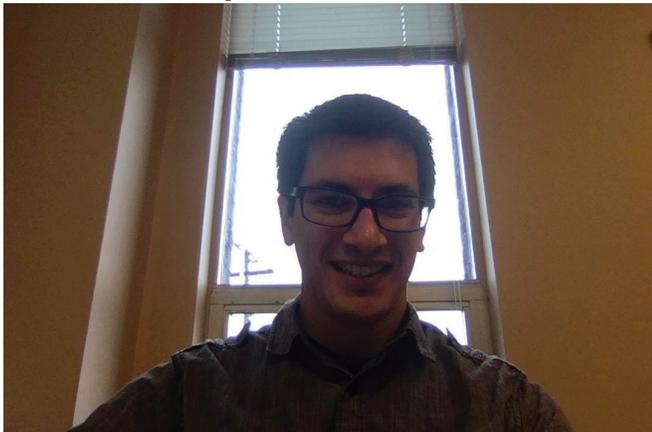


***Good Example***



**Light matters** - Turn on the lights when you're using your camera otherwise, you can appear as a gray blob on the screen.

***Bad Example***



***Good Example***



**Camera angles also matter** - Be sure to angle your webcam so you are center frame. If you angle the camera to far up you can end up getting the ceiling lights that make you appear as a grey blob.

***Bad Example***



***Good Example***



**Uncluttered background** - A lack of contrast between you and your background can ruin the quality of your video. The focus of a video is very often you, so you don't want to let your background steal the show.

***Bad Example***



***Good Example***

