

TAKING A CLASS USING ZOOM

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a video conferencing platform. You do not need to pay for Zoom to attend a Zoom class. Zoom works best on a laptop or desktop computer (Windows or Mac) or tablet but also has limited capabilities on a smart phone.

Watch a short video that explains the basic introductory features:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iap0Ffl5Lg>

How do I join a class in Zoom?

There are two ways to join a Zoom class:

1. Click on the class link that is emailed to you by MSC.
2. Go to zoom.us and sign in, then join a meeting by putting in the class Zoom meeting ID and password.

Note: Every week the class meets you will use the same link.

- If you have not used Zoom before, leave about 15 minutes to set it up before your first use.
- If you are planning on using a **laptop or desktop**, the first time you click on a link it will download a free and secure program to your computer.
- If you are planning on using a **tablet or smartphone**, you'll want to download the free and secure Zoom application from your application store.

What equipment do I need to get started?

At the most basic level, all you need to use Zoom is a telephone, such as a smartphone or landline. However, if you have access to a computer or tablet you can use the full capabilities of Zoom.

The following equipment can enhance your experience but is not necessary:

1. **Web camera:** A camera will increase your connection with your instructor and your peers by allowing you to see each other face-to-face. If you do not have access to a web camera, you will still be able to see the instructor and other class participants.

- 2. Headset with a microphone:** This will let you hear and be heard more clearly. This does not need to be sophisticated equipment; it can be the same as the headphones you might use with your phone.
- 3. Charger:** Charging your device during class will ensure that you do not have an unexpected power outage interrupting your learning.

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