



## WEBCAM FILMING TIPS

### Your space

- Film in an area that is bright and quiet
- Filming on a desktop computer can be limiting but using a laptop can help you get a better shot
- Try to avoid filming near HVAC equipment, the refrigerator, or kids' playroom
- Keep pets and kids quiet and occupied

### Lighting

- Work with natural light: as much sun light as you can get into the room
- Don't put light source in the shot: putting window behind you will make the camera expose for the outdoors, making your face a dark silhouette
- Instead, put the window to your side or behind the camera so the light is on you, not the lens
- If it's bright enough inside from sun light, turn the room lights off. Using interior lights make the sun light look blue and the interior lights will look orange
- If it's dark outside, try bringing in a lamp or two. Keep the lights in front of your face and out of the shot (light directly overhead will make heavy shadows)

### Sound

- Default microphones on most computers aren't the best quality so speak up so your microphone doesn't have to do extra work
- If you're going to do this a lot, consider purchasing a USB condenser microphone. There are a lot of good options between \$25-\$50.

### Background

- Consider what is in the shot behind you
- Remove clutter and try adding set decoration, i.e. house plants, photos, or house décor

### Framing

- Being in the center of the shot is best
- Avoid being in the corner or bottom of your shot

Look in the camera, smile, and project your voice.

Good luck!