TIPS FOR AT-HOME ZOOM RECORDINGS

FRAMING

Angle your webcam as if you are taking a headshot photo (see below).
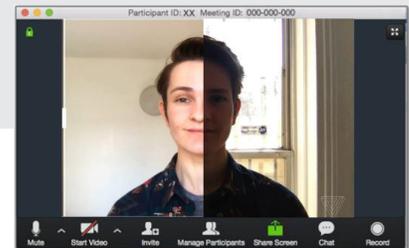
Fill the screen - don't leave lots of empty space above your head.

LIGHTING

Avoid recording your lecture with your **back to the window.** (See below, right)

Turn on additional lights when recording, especially in the evening.

SOUND

Reduce background noise as much as possible.

Close doors, turn off TVs, mute phones, and setup away from others.

When available, a study, spare bedroom, or office are ideal recording spaces.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

1) Put your **camera at or above eye-level** for a more flattering angle while recording.

2) Try to **"chunk" content** into videos 15 minutes or less when possible.

3) Students will watch **several short videos** over one long one.

4) Try to **avoid background clutter** in frame.

ADVANCED ZOOM TIPS

GENERAL ADVANCED RECOMMENDATIONS

Use a microphone to improve audio quality over built-in microphones. EX: Lapel microphones or a gaming headset.

Set up a meeting with an ID or video specialist via Zoom prior to recording for assistance in setting up your recording space with lighting/framing/etc.

VIDEO

Enable "Original Ratio" to avoid compressing or cropping your video feed.

Disable "Touch up my appearance" to avoid visual artifacts in the recording.

AUDIO

Select the correct microphone from the drop down menu (if using aseparate mic to improve audio quality).

Enable **"automatically adjust volume".**

Settings> Audio>Advanced
- Disable "Suppress persistent background noise"
- Disable "Suppress intermittent background noise"
- Disable "echo cancellation"
- These settings may otherwise cause problems in the audio recording

RECORDING

Enable **"record video during screen sharing".**

If handing off footage to an ID or media specialist, enable **"place video next to the shared screen in the recording".**

VIRTUAL BACKGROUND

Enable "mirror my video" if writing ona lightboard. Otherwise, disable.

Avoid using virtual backgrounds as much as possible.