WEBCAM RECORDING TIPS

1. PRACTICE WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY
Make sure your video and sound are working well. Do a "dry run" using the same software and hardware you will use for the video.

2. TRY TO HOLD STILL
Many webcams track the movement of the person in front of them, so be careful not to rock back and forth or twirl in your chair. This may cause the camera to constantly refocus which is distracting for the viewer.

3. PAUSE FOR A MOMENT
Don’t start speaking until after you push the record button. This will avoid clipping your opening sentence. Also, wait for a moment after your final word before you stop the recording.

4. PRACTICE LOOKING INTO THE CAMERA
It’s tempting to look down at your notes or at the screen, but when you are speaking, try to look into the camera as much as possible. A trick that helps is to fasten a picture of someone you are comfortable talking to behind your camera so you can talk to that person.

5. CHECK YOUR VIDEO FRAMING
Adjust the framing of your webcam. Imagine dividing your screen into thirds. Your eyes should be at the intersection of the top third.

6. AVOID WINDOWS
Make sure your camera is not pointing at a bright open window or even mini-blinds that will overpower the lens and blackout your face.
For more help preparing your webcam recording, contact CITL’s Remote Instruction Transition Team

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