

HOW TO INCORPORATE VISUAL AIDS INTO YOUR SPEECH:

I'm just going to share with you some of the things students did that worked/didn't work in terms of incorporating visual aids when we transitioned to remote learning.

Some of the things students did that worked well:

- If you are showing visuals from a laptop such as a power point, you could position the laptop in front of you on a table (stack some books if you need to give it some height) and then stand behind it. This allows the visuals to be front and center so that we can see them clearly. You want to make sure you have a big enough camera angle so that it captures you from the waist up at a minimum (you need to be standing to give the speech).
- If you are more tech savvy, you may be able to connect your laptop to your TV and project your visuals on a larger surface. That would allow you stand next to your visuals as you present similar to a classroom environment.
- If you are even more tech savvy, consider using a program that allows you to embed your visuals into the actual speech recording. There are programs such as Loom, Screencast, Flipgrid and Openshot that allow you to do that. You can embed visuals so that they appear in the upper/lower corner of the video while you are speaking or embed them so that they pop up for a moment when needed while you are speaking. Some of the websites students and faculty have shared that have these types of programs are loom.com, openshot.org, screencast-o-matic.com, blackmagicdesign.com/products/davinciresolve/...and I'm sure there are many others.
- Or, you can use larger poster board and create your own visuals that can hang next to you while you speak.

Some of the things that didn't work so well:

- Standing next to the laptop but away from the camera so that we see enough of you but the laptop is too far away to see the visuals (you want to make sure we can see both you and the visual aids).
- Positioning the camera up close to see the visuals so that we see the visuals well, but only get a face shot of you.
- Lighting issues where we can see visuals, but can't see you because it's too dark.
- Screen sharing only your visuals so we can't see you giving your speech.