

Tools to Foster Connections in a Remote Learning Environment

I would like to...	Recommendation	Getting Started Resource
<i>Learn more about connecting student groups in my online course</i>	Watch the Magna 20-minute video “How can I Make Online Group Projects More Effective?”	How to access Harper’s online subscriptions and memberships for faculty
<i>Choose a web-conferencing tool</i>	Refer to the Harper College web conferencing comparison chart.	WebEx Bb Collaborate (video) MS Teams (video)
<i>Record lectures to share with students</i>	Bb Collaborate is a quick & convenient way to record and share video lectures from within your course.	Recording and Sharing a Screencast in Collaborate
<i>Develop student’s presentation & discussion skills</i>	Allow students to take the lead in discussions and present during an online class session.	Manage the attendees in Bb Collaborate and give students the presenter role Pass the presenter role in Webex
<i>Share your content during an online session</i>	Content that can be shared during a synchronous or asynchronous session include presentations, applications, screenshare, whiteboard, camera & video	Share content in Bb Collaborate Share content in Webex Meeting
<i>Meet with students 1-1 online</i>	Hold scheduled office hours or use a calendar tool such as Calendly to let students schedule a meeting time	Virtual office hours in Bb Collaborate (video) Calendly
<i>Encourage students to interact with each other during a synchronous class session</i>	Use features in Bb Collaborate such as chat, breakout groups and polling.	Breakout groups (video) Polling (video) Chat
<i>Promote student-student connections with online group work</i>	Use the group tool in Blackboard where each group has its own homepage with links to tools to help students collaborate.	Blackboard Groups
<i>Incorporate the use of video for student presentations, discussion and feedback</i>	GoReact is a cloud-based video recording tool that integrates with Blackboard	Creating GoReact assignments in Blackboard

Additional Tools to Explore

Tool	Description	Resources
<u>Flipgrid</u>	Free video discussion platform	<u>Remote learning with Flipgrid</u>
<u>Google Drive</u>	Free suite of cloud-based collaborative tools. All Harper students have a Google account.	<u>Getting Started</u> <u>Create a Google account using your existing Harper email</u>
<u>Jamboard</u>	Collaborative digital whiteboard that is part of the Google suite of products.	<u>Getting Started with Jamboard</u>
<u>Mural</u>	Visual workspace for digital collaboration. Educators can apply for a free Mural account.	<u>Remote learning guide and resources</u>
<u>Padlet</u>	Online collaborative bulletin board. Free account gives you 3 Padlet walls.	<u>Padlet basics for educators</u> (video)
<u>Remind</u>	A mobile messaging app that keeps you connected with your students. Sign up for the free account.	<u>Using Remind with Blackboard</u> (video)
<u>VoiceThread</u>	Collaborative online presentation tool that can be used by instructors and students. A free account gives you 5 VoiceThreads	<u>Creating a VoiceThread</u> <u>Higher Ed examples</u>