# TRANSITION TO ONLINE LEARNING

Here are some helpful tips and tricks.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has made it dangerous to meet in person, forcing the university to shift to a remote delivery model of instruction. The shift to online learning is accompanied by many unique challenges, including a possible increase in cheating. The best way to decrease cheating is to combat it before it starts. Here are a few suggestions on how to reduce the motivating factors associated with academic dishonesty.

#### **REVIEW THE POLICY**

In order to best inform students of academically dishonest practices, it will be best to refamiliarize yourself with them. The undergraduate policy is <a href="here">here</a>, and the graduate policy is here.

#### **SHARE RESOURCES**

There are a variety of online resources for both students and faculty, including the <u>Student</u> <u>Success Centre</u> website and the <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> page. Be sure to share these resources with your students.

## **PLAGIARISM COURSE**

Librarian Romany Craig created a Moodle-based plagiarism course that allows students to recognize plagiarism while teaching students techniques to avoid it. This may be useful to send to students before they submit written assignments.

#### **CLARIFY ASSIGNMENTS**

Students will likely be confused about assignment parameters, so it will be important to clarify how assignments can be completed honestly, and what academic dishonesty looks like in your discipline.

### **RECCOMEND WORKSHOPS**

The Student Success Centre is offering multiple <u>virtual</u> <u>workshops</u> for students that focus on developing study skills for online classes. This could be an excellent resource for students who are struggling.

#### **BE FLEXIBLE**

Students will have different personal challenges this semester. For example, they may not have access to a separate, quiet workspace. Please be understanding and offer flexibility when dealing with students and their unique situations.

# WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS!

The transition to remote learning may initially be tough, but we can make it easier on ourselves by preparing in advance.

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