

Building Community in Online Courses

Video Guide

You can view the video, Building Community in Online Courses, here: [Building Community in Online Courses](#)

As you view this resource, consider the outline below as a guide.

Building Community

- There are several opportunities to build community and connect with others in your online course.
- Brightspace, the learning management system for your course, includes spaces such as the Collaboration Corner, weekly discussion forums, and Zoom to work with your instructor and classmates. You can access Brightspace through [Okta](#) or by navigating directly to Brightspace: brightspace.aurora.edu

How to Access Community

- In addition to interactive assignments, your course includes several opportunities to connect with others in your class:
 - Weekly Student Hours, also known as Office Hours, with your instructor through Zoom
 - Brightspace Messaging
 - AU Email
 - Zoom to collaborate for group projects
- There are additional community resources available to you for success both in and out of class:
 - The Academic Support Center can assist with tutoring and writing, along with Tutor.com for 24/7 access to writing and tutoring support.
 - [TimelyCare](#) to connect 24/7 counseling services access.
 - [Career Services](#) for career exploration, including search support.

Importance of Community

- Online courses provide students with equal access and opportunities to learn.
- Courses are formatted to ensure diverse perspectives and viewpoints are valued and explored.
- Students are experts in their experience with opportunities to learn from one another and their instructor.
- Community in the course can extend beyond the class, such as professional networking opportunities for post-graduation success.