# Guidance for learning in a hybrid class

Due to COVID-19, LSE is providing a flexible approach to teaching and learning this year. We have upgraded many of our classrooms, with extra cameras, screens, and microphones to support hybrid teaching. We have over 80 hybrid and hybrid lite spaces on campus.

## What is a hybrid class? Simply put, it is a class that involves hybrid teaching. At LSE, we use the term hybrid class to mean synchronous combining of remote and on-campus participants. For example, a teacher might use Zoom to bring distant students into an otherwise "normal" seminar space, where students and teachers are already physically present.

## How will you know if you are joining a hybrid class?

You should be informed by your department whether your classes will be hybrid or not. This may be communicated through the Moodle course or by other means. If you have any questions or concerns about this mode of teaching, contact your department or tutor in the first instance.

## How can you prepare for a hybrid class?

### All students

* Check the Moodle course well in advance for any instructions related to your class.
* Make sure you do the reading and complete any activities in advance of the class. The better prepared you are, the better your class contribution will be.

### Students participating remotely

* Ensure that you are properly [equipped for online learning](https://welcome.lse.ac.uk/my-studies/tech-for-online-learning).
* Familiarise yourself with Zoom tools and etiquette by watching [LSE LIFE’s video on Zoom classes](https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/mod/book/view.php?id=881064&chapterid=18224).
* Find a quiet space where you can sit when you join the class online. This should be somewhere where you are unlikely to be interrupted.
* Aim to be ready to participate 5 mins before your class begins.

### Students participating on-campus

* Some collaborative work in your class may occur online. You should be informed about this by your teachers. Ensure your laptop or mobile device is fully charged and bring it with you to the class.
* Connect your laptop or mobile device to the [LSE’s wireless network.](https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/dts/help/guides-faqs/wifi-and-network/eduroam-at-LSE) It is recommended that non-essential programs or websites are minimised or switched off.
* Contact Tech Support if you are having issues with your technology. They are your first point of contact for technical issues or queries. Contact Tech Support by:
  + email: [it.helpdesk@lse.ac.uk](mailto:it.helpdesk@lse.ac.uk)
  + phone: +44 (0)20 7107 5000
  + web page: <https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/dts/help>

## How can you get the most out of a hybrid class?

Pay close attention to the teacher’s instructions. As with all classes, teachers will have different ways of running their sessions. For example, they may specify whether they want you to raise your hand, either physically or through the Zoom participation tools, before speaking. Everyone will get a lot more out of the class if everyone follows these instructions.

Participate!You should endeavour to actively engage with the learning. This could be through discussion with other students or through asking a question.

Be honest if you don't understand. Classes and seminars also help tutors to check their students' learning and understand which concepts need further explanation. If you don't understand something, there's a very good chance that many other students won't either.

You can find more general advice on your studies and information on upcoming workshops on [LSE Life](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/lse-life).