Instructor Presence

Online courses lack many of the social cues that naturally occur with in-person courses. However, there are a number of ways to bridge that gap and create a rich, dynamic learning environment.

Connect with the class
- Create a class welcome message and video
- Introduce yourself with a personal touch
- Tell them how often you will check in

Connect with students
- Use student names in messages and in feedback
- Hold virtual office hours
- Identify/motivate those who need extra attention

Help students connect with each other
- Have students introduce themselves to their peers
- Encourage them to respond to each other
- Create opportunities for collaboration

Provide feedback
- Summarize weekly activities
- Thank them for their participation
- Answer questions and clarify as needed

Be present
- Schedule time to check in
- Use text, images, audio, and video
- Ask students for feedback about the course and adapt as needed

Resources
- Creating Online Office Hours with Bb Collaborate
- Recording Mini-Lectures with Bb Collaborate
- Microsoft Teams and Zoom Video Tutorials
- Online Presence Toolkit

Click this link to view the Grab-N-Go video