International Student Considerations
As found on the Blackboard Faculty Readiness Forum

Internet Access Issues

Keep in mind that students who are in foreign countries may experience a higher rate of internet connectivity issues. Please be sure to record any live class sessions and post the recordings to Blackboard so students have multiple opportunities to watch the recordings. Doing this will also help if students are in different time zones.

Also, be flexible with the timing of submission of assignments and assessments. Consider the different time zone restraints your students may be under.

Some countries may block access to certain websites. For example, China blocks access to Google, YouTube, and other U.S. Government websites. To this end:

- Avoid the use of Google Drive/Docs for course projects.
  - Solution: Students should Microsoft Office/Teams to share work for course projects.
- Avoid posting directly to YouTube videos. During class, you can play YouTube through Zoom and those videos will project to all students without a problem.
  - Solution: Post all videos directly via Kaltura Media in Blackboard. Steve Salina is available to transfer videos from YouTube to Kaltura, but copyright rules must be adhered to.
- Avoid assignments that require the students to access U.S. Government websites or create alternate assignments for students who have trouble accessing those sites.

In addition, please add the following paragraph below to your syllabus. More sample text is available in the Syllabus Template section of the Blackboard Faculty Readiness Forum.

International Requirements:

Students may reside in an international (non-U.S.) location while taking an online course. It is the responsibility of the student, within reason, to make sure they have a reliable internet connection and are not restricted in accessing online course sites, including Blackboard and Zoom.