

# St. Andrew's College

## Online Course Preparation Document

- A new tool is available to allow you to check if your browser and operating system are compatible with Blackboard. Blackboard is the online interface used for online courses through St. Andrew's College. You use your NSID (which was given to you when you registered) to access Blackboard. [https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Administrator/SaaS/User\\_Interface\\_Options/Original\\_Experience/Browser\\_Support/Browser\\_Checker](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Administrator/SaaS/User_Interface_Options/Original_Experience/Browser_Support/Browser_Checker)
- About a week prior to the beginning of the course, you should log in to Blackboard to familiarize yourself with the layout. This will give you time to click around, figure out how things work, and ask any questions before the course begins.
- If your course requires video interface (communicating by video/audio with students/instructor), you are expected to use a suitable headset. Using this headset allows you to speak clearly during the course and also clearly hear what the instructor or other students may be saying.

**All Fall 2020 courses will be offered online and may require you to participate in video conferences.**

**If you do not use a headset and try to only use the computer speakers, all of the others students in the course will hear the sounds coming through your speakers, which leads to a frustrating experience for everyone involved.**

- A headset with a built in microphone is recommended. Here is a link to one of the cheapest options on amazon.ca: You'll notice that further down the page, there is a "compare" section, which lists 6 different Logitech headsets and compares their quality: [https://www.amazon.ca/Logitech-981-000214-Stereo-Headset-H110/dp/B003H4QPJQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1497297730&sr=1-6&keywords=headsets+logitech](https://www.amazon.ca/Logitech-981-000214-Stereo-Headset-H110/dp/B003H4QPJQ/ref=sr_1_6?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1497297730&sr=1-6&keywords=headsets+logitech)

**Here are a few other options:**

[https://www.amazon.ca/Panasonic-KX-TCA430-Comfort-Fit-Foldable-Headset/dp/B0032HM6JG/ref=pd\\_sbs\\_107\\_1?\\_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=7NCHM9TC86THY4R96786](https://www.amazon.ca/Panasonic-KX-TCA430-Comfort-Fit-Foldable-Headset/dp/B0032HM6JG/ref=pd_sbs_107_1?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=7NCHM9TC86THY4R96786)

[https://www.amazon.ca/Plantronics-Headset-Cordless-Mobile-Phones/dp/B000ANOY7M/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1497297828&sr=1-1&keywords=plantronics+headset](https://www.amazon.ca/Plantronics-Headset-Cordless-Mobile-Phones/dp/B000ANOY7M/ref=sr_1_1?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1497297828&sr=1-1&keywords=plantronics+headset)