Comparison of Synchronous Teaching Tools

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A) Student Engagement

	Zoom	MS Teams
Breakout Rooms	✓	✓
Share Whiteboard	✓	✓
Annotation	✓	✓ On whiteboard
Chat	✓	✓
Share Audio/Video/Screen	✓	✓
Polling	✓	X
Non-verbal Feedback	✓	✓

B) Security

	Zoom	MS Teams
Integrated with Quercus	X	✓

C) Administration

		Zoom	MS Teams
Capacity	Please contact us if you require capacity for more than 500 students	300	250
Recording		✓	✓

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		Zoom	MS Teams Mtg
Breakout rooms	With Teams you can schedule concurrent rooms, and jump between them	✓	✓
Student participation	Students can share audio and video if they choose to	✓	✓
Whiteboard	Shared whiteboard available for participants	✓	✓
Max participants	Please contact us if you require capacity for more than 500 students	300	250
Lecture recording	Each solution allows for lecture recordings.	✓	✓
Security	Zoom is not integrated in Quercus. Please refer to the privacy guidelines provided by the Dean.	✓	✓

? Who to call for help

Students are always encouraged to phone 416-287-4357 or email student-helpdesk@utsc.utoronto.ca for assistance.

Faculty, please contact us at quercus.utsc@utoronto.ca

? Outside of Canada?

All of these solutions will work fine around the globe. For students in China, there is an additional resource available here: https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/ic-faq-categories/alibaba-cloud-enterprise-network-cen-service

? What about Accessibility accommodations and the student experience & well-being?

UTSC AccessAbility Services will contact profs if any students has an accommodation request. If you have any questions, please contact us.

✓ This guide will help

Our guides provides a full overview of your options for teaching synchronously online. Please visit https://uoft.me/AcademicContinuity

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