

# Using Nearpod

## A Guide for Faculty

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Nearpod is a student engagement platform that allows instructors to easily add interactive features and components to lectures and courses. With Nearpod, you can add polls and quizzes, virtual field trips, and more to your lessons to keep students engaged and test their knowledge.

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### Getting Started

- Watch this video to learn how Nearpod works: <https://youtu.be/STzYWOQqQWo>
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### Log in to Nearpod

- Access Nearpod at: <https://nearpod.com/login/>
  - If it is your first time using Nearpod, sign up using your Jefferson email address
    - ❖ Once you sign up, you can use the free account or request institutional access by contacting [Julie.Phillips@jefferson.edu](mailto:Julie.Phillips@jefferson.edu)
  - Once you have created a Nearpod account, you can access Nearpod directly from Canvas, if desired. Once logged into Canvas, choose Nearpod from the left-hand side menu to access Nearpod within your Canvas course
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### Building Lessons

- There are two ways for users to begin building lessons:
  - ❖ *Create your own lesson* – Upload a presentation to edit
  - ❖ *Explore lessons* – Download free customizable presentations
- Creating lessons
  - ❖ Upload PPT, PNG, or PDF files, or you can create a lesson within Nearpod (*Note: there is a 20MB limit when uploading files. Larger presentations may be added in chunks. Premium presentations may be up to 100MB in size.*)

- ❖ To upload a presentation, click **Create Your Own Lessons** in the **My Library** section and then drag and drop your files into the presentation
  - ❖ Click the **Add Slide** button and then **Add Activity** to add open-ended questions, polls, etc. to your lesson
  - ❖ Newly added activities will appear at the end of the presentation. Select the activity slide and drag and drop to the desired location after it appears in an orange frame
  - ❖ Once all desired activities have been added, click **Save & Exit**. Completed lessons must be saved prior to sharing with students
  - ❖ Unsaved lessons will have an option to “Save Changes” prior to sharing with students
    - Watch this 60-second video for instructions on how to create a lesson: <https://youtu.be/swZF-TrYUeE>
  - *Explore lessons*—Download free customizable presentations (TIP: Start here if you do not already have a presentation created)
    - To explore lessons in Nearpod, click on the **School Library** section
    - Click the **Add to My Library** button to add the presentation to your files
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## Getting Help

- Nearpod resources
  - ❖ <https://nearpod.com/blog/resources/>
    - Watch webinars, YouTube videos, and more
  - ❖ <https://nearpod.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>
    - Nearpod Help Center
- Using Nearpod in Canvas
  - ❖ <https://youtu.be/5mxFWzpDulY>
- For help with using Nearpod in your course, contact the Academic Commons at [EdTech.Support@lists.jefferson.edu](mailto:EdTech.Support@lists.jefferson.edu) or call (215) 503-2830