

GUIDE TO ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS



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With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and announcement that the University's Spring Term courses will be delivered remotely, it has become apparent that instructors will need to convert entire courses from a classroom setting to an online setting. This guide provides tips about access to and use of digital learning resources/ tools to support online teaching and learning. We hope these resources help Renison students and faculty as they adjust to remote teaching, learning and researching with minimal disruption.

Ebook

[UW Ebook Guide](#)

Provides a starting point for finding, using, and troubleshooting common issues with UW subscribed Ebooks:

UW Ebook Platforms

A list of Ebook platforms available for UW faculty and student use:

- [EBSCOhost](#)
 - Includes about 2,000 titles plus many free books across a wide range of subject areas such as history, political science, social sciences and religion. Most of them have “unlimited user access” ([view how to video](#)).
- [ProQuest Ebook Central](#)
 - Includes titles from the Canadian Publishers Collection, the Canadian Public Policy collection, Taylor & Francis, Duke, Cambridge, Oxford, Springer, as well as books that have been individually selected across disciplines. Subject areas cover history and political science, social work, religion and health science. ([view how to video](#)).
- [Scholars Portal Ebooks](#)
 - Includes titles from Cambridge, Canadian Publishers Collection, Canadian Public Policy, Duke, Emerald, Open Content Alliance, Oxford, PsycBooks, SPIE, Springer, and 280,000 freely available books. Contains special e-text for accessibility use through the [Accessible Content E-Portal](#). Several publishers have temporarily switched their single-user Ebooks to [unlimited access](#) until the end of April ([view how to use](#)).

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The screenshot shows a library catalog interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with search filters under the heading 'Availability'. The filters are:

- Available in Waterloo Library
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- Open Access
- Peer-Reviewed Journals

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Open Textbooks

[BC Open Textbook Collection](#)

Creates and shares OERs, particularly in the form of open textbooks. Covers a variety of subjects and specialties, including communication/writing, ESL, language learning, social sciences. Includes bibliographic information, such as author and institution ([view how to use](#)).

[Open Textbook Library](#)

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[OpenStax Textbooks](#)

Run by Rice University. Delivers high-quality, peer-reviewed, openly licensed textbooks that are free online. Includes arts, humanities, and social sciences ([view how to video](#)).

[OpenSUNY Textbooks](#)

An open textbook publishing initiative established by State University of New York. Offers high-quality, cost-effective course resources by engaging faculty as authors and peer-reviewers. Includes foundations, arts, education, English, health, information technology, mathematics, and sciences (browsed by [subjects](#) and [authors](#)).

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[Directory of Open Access Books \(DOAB\)](#)

A platform for discovering open access Ebooks ([view how to video](#)).

[HathiTrust Digital Library](#)

A partnership of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of 17 million digital items in the public domain ([view how to video](#)).

[Athabasca University Press](#)

Making a commitment to making research and scholarship freely accessible through the publication of books and journals in open access. Includes Canadian Studies, education, health, history, psychology. (browse by subject, title and authors).

[Internet Archive](#)

A non-profit, digital library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more ([view how to use](#)).

OER Resources

[Why Open Educational Resources \(OER\) are essential for online learning](#)

Webcast hosted by Renison University College. Professor Rory McGreal, UNESCO/Commonwealth of Learning Chairholder in Open Educational Resources, discussed the importance of OER sharing and creation of content usable online. He highlighted the shortcomings of and challenges for the traditional education community, as well as those of more flexible providers, such as open universities.

[Open Scholarship at Waterloo](#)

A practical guide to find OER resources, tools and support.

[Open Educational Resources \(OER\) in Canada](#)

Centre for Teaching Excellence provides a listing of OER textbook repositories in and outside of Canada, Open courseware, overview of open education, research, and journals.

[Open Education Resource \(OER\)](#)

A comprehensive list of OER repositories, textbooks, video, games, images and guidelines for OER development.

E-Textbook (Buy or Rental)

[Redshelf](#)

Offering nearly 700,000 digital titles at a fraction of the price ([free access to Ebooks through May 25th](#)).

Vital Source Bookshelf

Get instant access to your eTextbooks and a full suite of study tools on any device—both online and offline. Either rent and buy textbooks. ([Free Access to eTextbooks to Students Affected by COVID-19 Campus Closures](#)).

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Institutional Textbooks on Core

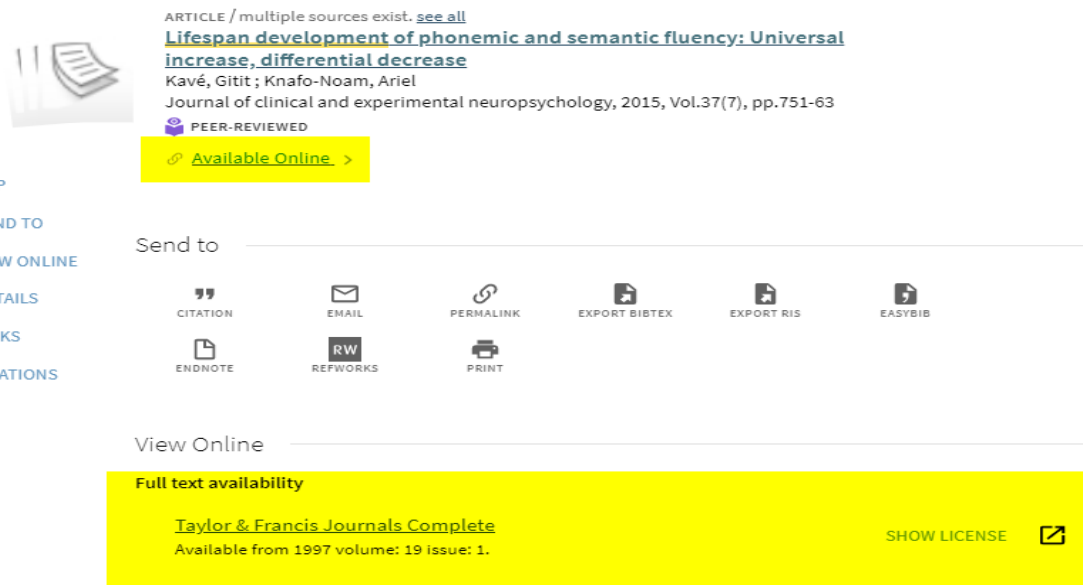
The books and journals platform from Cambridge University Press. Provides access to over 1.6 million journal articles and 36,000+ books. Temporary free access to online collections until May 31. ([view to use video](#)).

Beware of websites such as [Skybooks.club](#) which distribute illegal E-text materials to paid users.

Full-Text Journal Articles

UW subscribed peer-reviewed journals

Provides detailed information on how to search the library catalogue and library database for articles. Look for “Available Online” for “Full text availability”:



ARTICLE / multiple sources exist. [see all](#)
[Lifespan development of phonemic and semantic fluency: Universal increase, differential decrease](#)
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LOCATION ITEMS

Open Access Journals

[Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#)

An online directory that indexes and provides access to quality open access, peer-reviewed journals ([view how to video](#)).

E-Magazines and Audio Books

[Waterloo Public Library](#)

[Register online](#) and gain access to many audio-books, e-books, popular magazines, research databases, language training online resources (Mango, IELTS) and movies.

Foreign Languages

[e-Marefa](#) (Arabic)

The Integrated Arab Online Databases contains huge and various online resources regarding Arab content ([free Access to the databases and content until May](#)).

[CNKI Scholar China](#) (Chinese)

China Knowledge Resource Integrated Database provides access to China Academic Journals Series F, covering literature, history, and philosophy. (Free Access to the databases during the outbreak of the pandemic).

Streaming Videos

[UW Streaming Sites](#)

Offers a diverse selection of streaming videos, films, and documentaries, including digital film library, CBC Curio, National Film Board, Criterion-on-demand, Ted Talks and many others. You could add a streaming video to LEARN using the link provided via the streaming services (e.g. Curio). [Information on video linking](#).

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The Wonder of the Northern Lights New

The northern lights are one of the greatest natural wonders of our world. They have dazzled people for thousands of years and intrigued scientists for centuries. Now, an international team of scientists are uncovering the mysteries of the lights, and what they can teach us.

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UW MediaNet Catalogue

Lists every streaming title offered by the university. Search by “video stream” and click “play” to load the streaming video:

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Open Courseware

[MasonOER Metafinder](#)

A federated search tool and searches several OER repositories simultaneously, including BC Campus, College Open Textbooks, HathiTrust, JSTOR Open books, Merlot, MIT Open Courseware, NYPL Digital Collections, OER Commons, Project Gutenberg ([view how to video](#)).

[OASIS](#) (Openly available sources integrated search)

Developed by SUNY Geneseo's Milne Library. A search tool for finding OER contents from 97 sources and contains over 386,000 records. Results filtered by object type, subject, source, and CC license. Includes sources such as Arabic Collections Online, OAPEN, Open Research Library (search by title, author, subject, source, link).

[MERLOT](#) (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching)

A curated collection of Open Educational Resources, including textbooks. include peer reviews, user reviews, or editor review. Restrict search results to textbooks by selecting the appropriate material type ([view how to video](#)).

[MIT Open Courseware](#)

A huge open collection of MIT's course content. Includes material from 2260 courses across all disciplines available.

[OERu:](#)

Coordinated by the OER Foundation. An independent Australian not-for-profit network that offers free online courses for students. Courses are developed by recognized universities and colleges and designed for formal academic credit. Institutional partners include eCampus Ontario, Ryerson, UK Open University, and Athabasca University. Offers micro-open online courses which are 2-3 weeks and is a small portion of a larger full course ([view how to video](#)).

[OER Commons](#)

A large repository for Open Educational Resources, including activities, assessments, lecture notes, lesson plans, and more. Contains material for grade levels from preschool to graduate school and adult education ([view how to video](#)).

Reponses to COVID-19 Crisis

[Scholar Portal's COVID-19 response](#)

Some impact pages and resource guides from OCUL members in response to COVID-19. Locates what online resources are used to support online learning by the Ontario universities, including [free](#) and [OER](#).

[Vendor Extended Services List](#)

Some information service providers are offering extended access to their resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sorted by providers, responses, date and extended access specifics.

[Navigating COVID-19 Information Overload: Get started](#)

This UW library guide includes tips to find reliable media content and reader's advisory recommendations to stay up-to-date with COVID-19 information.

Library and other Academic Centre's Support for Online Learning

[E-Course reserve](#)

Allows instructors to make course materials available to enrolled students. Log in to [Course Reserves](#) to place new requests, or to clone reserve lists from a previous term. Reserves staff will try where possible to replace print resources with content that is already digitally available. Questions about Course Reserves can be directed to libreser@uwaterloo.ca or tony.tin@uwaterloo.ca. Please reach out to your [subject librarian](#) to find or identify digital resources for your online courses.

Discussion Forum (Ask a Librarian)

Make a way to reach online learners at their points of need by setting up a discussion forum in LEARN.


Ask the Librarian ▾

🔒 Locked after Sunday, June 21, 2020 11:55 PM EDT.

Use this discussion topic to ask the Social Work Subject Guide Librarian any questions you have while researching your topic for Assignment 1: Literature Review.

The librarian will monitor this forum on a daily basis (Monday through Friday), from the start of the course until the due date for Assignment 1. They will make every attempt to respond to your question within 24 hours, excepting weekends and holidays.

You can also contact the library from the [Library: Ask us](#) page.

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Online Library Orientation

Renison College Librarian provides online library orientation to synchronous Renison courses, focusing on the use of online resource for student research. Please e-mail the [Renison Librarian](#). Library orientation materials could be downloaded at this url: <http://rspace.uwaterloo.ca/xmlui/handle/20.500.11895/758>

Research Guides

Created by UW subject-specialist librarians to recommend resources and search strategies by [subject](#) (including academic disciplines and courses). Renison specific research guides include [Social Work](#), [Studies in Islam](#), [East Asian Studies](#).

Assignment Planner

Breaks down research and writing projects into manageable steps based on your due dates. Includes literature review, article review, research essay, annotated bibliography.

Mobile Information Literacy Certificate Course

Designed by Renison faculty and librarian for UW students. Introduction to basic resources and research tools found in your library. Each lesson includes videos, slides, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, or matching questions to reinforce the learning goals. Ask students to complete the Certificate today!

UW Library Online Tutorials

A Few videos to get you started with database searching and scholarly research. Includes databases searching, peer review, RefWorks, and scholarly research.

[Writeonline.ca](#)

Designed by writing experts from three universities who work with students on a daily basis. Introduces students to the particularities of different genres, providing practical strategies for them to try in their own writing, and model texts to help them better understand the organization, format, and language used in each of these types of writing. Includes case study report, lab report, literature review and reflective writing.

[Virtual Writing Cafes](#)

As we move toward social distancing and work-from-home arrangements, it will become even more important to build structure into our days and maintain ties to social writing communities to combat feelings of isolation. To this end, the WCC offers three virtual writing café sessions each week, providing writing tips for students. There are also a [virtual drop-ins](#) for students.

[Keep Learning](#)

Developed to support Waterloo instructors who will be teaching remotely. Provides quick tips, strategies, and tools for moving teaching and learning resources (e.g., lectures and readings), practices (e.g., activities and assessments) online, and support for transition to teaching online rapidly and effectively.

[Keep Teaching](#)

A website run by STLHE and its Educational Developers Caucus (EDC) with resources to assist learning institutions make this shift to online learning delivery. Includes a curated list of resources for teaching and assessment online, convenient links to information on well-being, and links to information on responses by learning institutions.

[Moving Online in a Hurry: A University of Waterloo Library Primer for Emergency Online Learning](#)

Developed by Instruction Librarian. An online training course that covers a number of topics for consideration in the move to online instruction, including delivery modes, LMS, and support for OER.

[Skid](#)

James Skidmore, Associate Professor of German Studies and Open Education Fellow with eCampusOntario, shared his expertise on online teaching. Includes practical ideas on module building, learning through discussion, assignment and links to resources. ([Recent Skid webinar on simple and effective online teaching](#)).

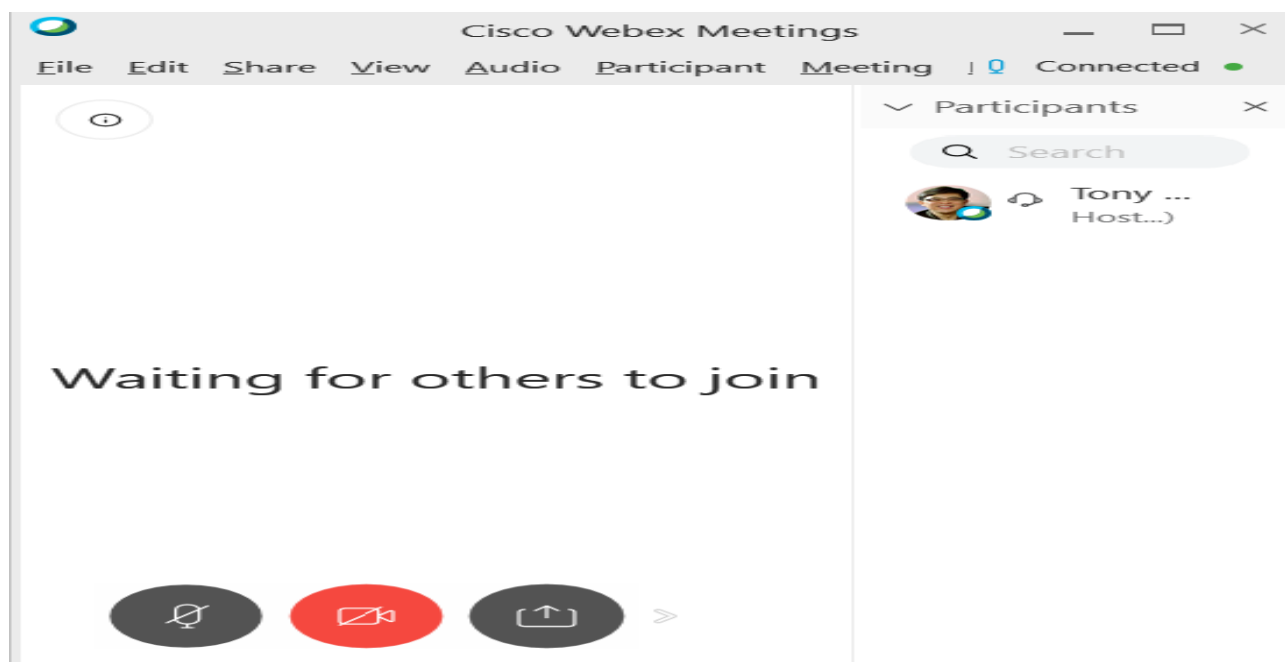
UW Virtual Classroom Platforms

WebEx Virtual Meetings

Create a virtual meeting space with up to 1000 students. Recordings can be made of sessions to review later. [Features include:](#)

- Sharing slides, presentations and applications,
- Text chat
- Two-way audio/video
- Question & answer
- Polling
- Virtual meeting rooms with optional recordings

Instructions for using WebEx - [Word](#), [PDF](#) (March 20, 2020)



Bongo - Virtual Classroom

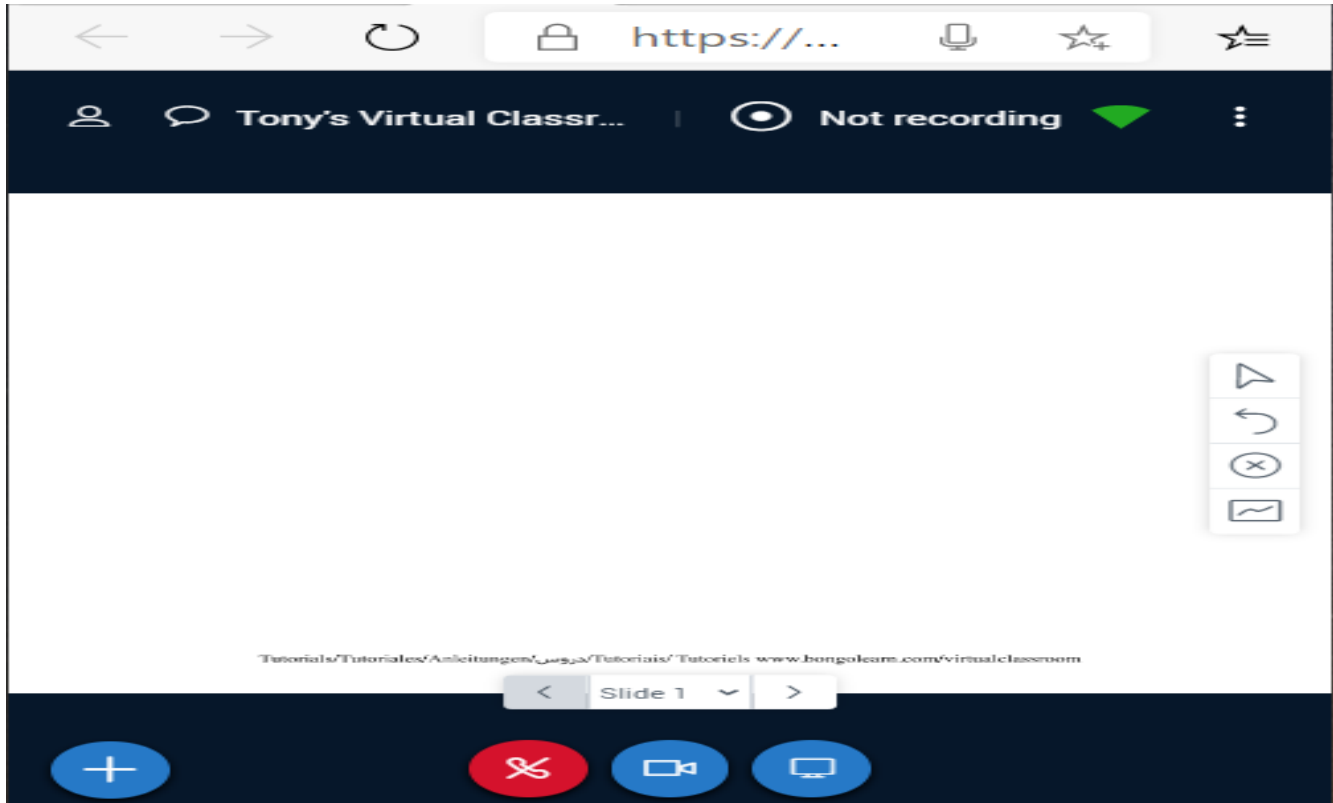
Create a virtual meeting space allowing you to engage with one student, a small group of students, or up to 150 students with livestream video. Note: only 7 webcams can be active.

Record sessions for later viewing on demand.

Instructors can post lecture slides, create break-out rooms, and record meetings, among other features.

Students can record their own Bongo meetings and submit them to the dropbox.

- [Instructions, settings and troubleshooting for using Bongo](#)
- [Using Virtual Classroom \(Bongo\) for Live, Synchronous Group Presentations \(PDF\)](#)



Bongo Video Assignment

These are assignments in which the final product created by the students is a video or audio recording, such as student presentations, creative assignments, interviews, and role playing

Question & Answer: present students with question prompts and give them a set amount of time to respond.

Interactive video: provide students with a video and ask them to respond to related prompts at certain points within the video.

Individual projects: students record or upload a video of themselves presenting on a topic or demonstrating a specific skill.

Group projects: students collaborate synchronously and/or asynchronously to complete a group activity. The end product is often presented as one cohesive group presentation.

- [Bongo Video Assignment documentation](#)

General

Assignment Name (required)
Peer review

Due Date (optional) Due Time (optional)

Instructions

Instructions (required)
Learn about peer review

Interactive Video

Questions: 1 (maximum of 20)
Create multiple choice or video response questions that will be prompted during the video.
CREATE QUESTION

Video Response Grade Type
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Peer Review

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Online Learning Tools

Milanote

A tool for organizing your ideas and projects into visual boards. Write notes & to do lists. Upload images & files and save links from the web. Sign up free. It could be used for a student [creative writing project](#).

Padlet

A digital canvas to create beautiful projects that are easy to share and collaborate on. It works like a piece of paper. Good for [student collaborative projects](#).

Wakelet

A curation tool that allows you to save, organize, tell stories, and share content from around the web. Download [Educator Guide to Wakelet](#) for collaboratives project ideas.

Flipsnack

Create, share and embed online magazines, transforming your PDFs into online flipping books ([Learn how to create a digital magazine as a class project](#)).

VoiceThread

Transforming media into collaborative spaces with video, voice, and text commenting ([Learn how to use VoiceThread for online class presentation project](#)).

Wix.com for Blogging

Help students to pick a blog template to complete a blog project in three easy steps ([view how to video](#)).

PodBean for podcasting

A digital platform to host, create, promote, and track your podcast. ([view how to video](#)).

Google Classroom

Classroom helps students and teachers organize assignments, boost collaboration, and foster better communication. (view [Renison's international Engagement Dialogue](#)).

H5P

H5P makes it easy to create, share and reuse HTML5 content and applications. H5P empowers everyone to create rich and interactive web experiences more efficiently - all you need is a web browser and a web site with an H5P plugin to create engaging learning contents, including games, flashcards, 360 virtual tour, and word puzzles.

Mental Wellness

Wellness with Qigong App

Qigong has shown to improve mood and mental alertness as well as to reduce stress. Download the Qigong App developed by Renison faculty and staff and practice the wellness exercise at home ([view how to video](#)).

UW Workplace Yoga Program

Live-streaming classes every Wednesday in April from 12:05 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.