PFW Virtual Classroom Tools Comparison

University Supported Tools Summary

- **Zoom** is currently integrated in Brightspace. It is the university's recommended web conference tool. Please refer to the ITS article on [Zoom access](#).

- **WebEx Meetings** and **WebEx Training** are available to all faculty and staff. But it is not integrated in Brightspace. You will need to go to https://purdue.webex.com/ and login with your Purdue Career Account.

- **Bongo free version** is integrated in Brightspace. It is supported till the end of Spring 2021. It is **not recommended** because of problematic limitations.

- Other than the Bongo free version and Zoom, we currently do not have a date for any other virtual classroom tools to be integrated in Brightspace.

Features Comparison

Features	WebEx Meetings	WebEx Trainings	Zoom	Bongo (free version)
Brightspace integration	No	No	Yes	Yes
Maximum # of participants	1000	1000	300	50 (effective April 2020)
Maximum # of sessions	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	250 per week within Purdue system
Session duration limit	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	60 minutes
Session recording cloud storage time	Unlimited: Transfer to Kaltura automatically	Unlimited*	30 days	14 days
Allow external participants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Students set up meetings	Yes (PCA)*	Yes (PCA)*	Yes	No
Reports / Attendance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Features	WebEx Meetings	WebEx Trainings	Zoom	Bongo (free version)
Waiting Room	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Require Passcode	No	Yes	Yes	No
Virtual Background	Yes (new)	Yes (new)	Yes	No
Breakout sessions	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No
Chat	Yes	Yes (limited)	Yes (Host can change settings)	Yes
Private Chat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Audio	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Webcam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (Up to 10)
Whiteboard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Polling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*WebEx Trainings session recording storage has a size limit over the Purdue System. Please download the record and delete from the system.

*Purdue Career Account Required for WebEx meetings. Student workers typically have this account and can use WebEx.

*Breakout sessions for WebEx meetings are available on WBS40.9 and later sites.

Additional Resources

- WebEx Meetings video playlist
- WebEx Trainings video playlist
- Teaching with Zoom
- Zoom video tutorials
- CELT page on Web Conferencing tools

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