What can I do with SmartSite’s Chat Room?

The chat room provides space for informal communication between faculty and students.

You might use the chat room to...

- Conduct virtual discussion sections. Kristina de Korsak in Linguistics had one discussion section scheduled at a time that was inconvenient for students. She offered them a virtual discussion section moderated by a TA, and many students opted for this virtual session over the classroom-based one. (If you opt for this option, contact us to learn the settings for optimizing chat sessions for several users.)

- Leave the chat room open for students to ask questions of one another or to discuss course content whenever they wish.

- Hold virtual office hours. Open up a second chat room that you use only during your office hours. Having a separate chat room for this purpose signals to students that you’re present and ready to work with them, and it cuts down on student chatter.

If you have other ideas, we’d love to hear them!

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