Our Mission: To directly support high quality teaching and learning by faculty and students in University classrooms. The Office of Classroom Management (OCM) is the central point of contact, and single point of responsibility and accountability, for all general purpose classroom issues.

Instructions provided by the Office of Classroom Management

www.classroom.umn.edu

For additional assistance or to set up an equipment training session, please call the Classroom Support Hotline at (612)625-1086.
**CONNECTING A LAPTOP**

1. The standard cables are located in the pocket of the instructor’s podium.

2. Connect the VGA cable to the laptop before you turn on the laptop. Be sure to align the cable with the port and push it straight in, taking care to not bend the pins.

3. Connect the thin audio cord into the **headphone** jack of your laptop (not the microphone jack).

4. Press the “Laptop” source button on the control panel.

5. When the red light is solid next to the “Laptop” button, start up the laptop.

6. **Activate the external display:**

   - **For PC (Windows-based) Laptops:** To activate the external display, you must press and hold the Function key (labeled “Fn”); while holding down the “Fn” key, press the appropriate secondary key (as noted in the chart at right). The image should appear on the screen.

   - **For Mac (Apple) Laptops:** To activate the external display, open “System Preferences” on your laptop. Click on “Displays”, then “Detect Displays”. The image should appear on the projection screen.

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**LAPTOP TIPS**

- **IF YOU NEED TO ADJUST THE LAPTOP VOLUME:**
  Increase the system volume by using the volume up/down buttons on the control panel.

  - If you cannot hear any audio, verify that the "Audio Mute" button on the system control panel is not on. When this button is selected, the audio will not play.
  - You can also increase the volume by adjusting the volume on the laptop itself (using the laptop’s control panel). If that does not work, verify that the laptop’s mute button is not selected.

- **IF THE IMAGE IS DISTORTED, OR YOU SEE AN ERROR MESSAGE THAT INDICATES “FREQUENCY OUT OF RANGE”:**
  You may need to adjust the monitor resolution.

  - **For PC Laptops:** From the Start Menu, open the Control Panel and double-click on the “Display” icon. Select the “Settings” tab, and adjust the screen resolution to **1024 by 768 pixels**.
  - **For Mac Laptops:** Open “System Preferences” on your laptop. Click on “Displays”, and in the “VGA Display” window select “**1024 x 768, 60.0 Hz**” from the list.
**USING THE VCR**

1. Press the button marked “VHS” on the control panel (located on the instructor’s station).
2. The projector will take approximately 3 minutes to warm up. When the red light stops blinking, the system is ready for use.
3. Insert your videotape.
4. Use the buttons on the front panel of the VCR to control the VCR.

**USING AN EXTERNAL DISPLAY**

The data/video projector is capable of displaying audio and video from a variety of user-provided external devices (including portable DVD players, iPods, and more) using the VCR.

1. Connect the AV cables to the output jacks on the device and to the input jacks on the front of the VCR.
2. Use the channel up/down buttons on the front of the VCR to set the VCR to “Line Input”. The VCR display should read “F-1” or “L-1”.

**USING THE DVD PLAYER**

1. Press the button marked “DVD” on the control panel (located on the instructor’s station).
2. The projector will take approximately 3 minutes to warm up. When the red light stops blinking, the system is ready for use.
3. Insert your DVD or CD.
4. Use the buttons on the front panel of the DVD player to control the player.

**DVD PLAYER TIPS**

**TO USE CLOSED CAPTIONING (DVD & VCR):**

To activate the closed captioning, locate the “Closed Captioning” switch near the VCR and/or DVD player. Flip the switch to the “ON” position.

*Please note:* When playing a DVD, if the captions do not appear, you may need to activate the closed captioning on the DVD’s menu of options.

**TO FAST FORWARD WITHIN A CHAPTER:**

Using the DVD remote control, press the forward “scan” button (labeled with a double-arrow pointing to the right).

*Please note:* If the remote is not in the room, please call the Classroom Support Hotline at (612) 625-1086 and we will provide the room with one as soon as possible.

**IF THE DVD IMAGE IS FREEZING OR DISTORTED:**

- Remove the disc from the player.
- Check the disc for damage.
- Clean the disc (to remove smudges or fingerprints).
USING THE U OF M NETWORK

To connect to the wired network:
Simply connect the Ethernet cord (in the pocket of the instructor’s podium) to the Ethernet jack on your laptop.*

*Please note: You will need to register and setup your computer for DHCP Service (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) prior to using the Ethernet connection.

Wired Network Tips
Understanding DHCP:
✓ Once registered and set up, DHCP allows you to automatically connect to the network on any campus classroom Ethernet jack.
✓ DHCP registration should be done in advance of the time you need to use the network, as the registration confirmation process can take several hours.
✓ DHCP registration can be done online at:
  https://www.nts.umn.edu/cgi-bin/dhcpreg

To connect to the wireless network:
Simply open a web browser (e.g., Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari). You will be prompted to log in with your U of M Internet ID (X.500) and password.

Wireless Network Tips
If the connection is slow or does not work properly:
Verify that you are connected to the “UofM Wireless” connection.
✓ There may be other wireless network connections within range of the classroom. Connecting to a non-U of M network may cause the connection to be slow or not work properly.

If you do not have a U of M Internet ID:
You may qualify to purchase “Guest Access” to use the network.
✓ For more information about obtaining guest access to the U of M network, please visit the following website:
  http://www1.umn.edu/adcs/info/wireless.html

Data network service and support is provided by the Office of Information Technology. For further assistance with the wireless or wired network connection, please call the 1-HELP Technology Helpline at (612)301-4357.

USING THE OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

1. Verify that the projector is plugged into a power outlet.
2. Turn on the projector power switch.
3. Turn the knob on the lens column to adjust the focus.
4. Turn off the power when you are finished using the projector.

Overhead Projector Tip
If the projector lamp burns out:
Switch to the alternate lamp.

Each overhead projector contains two lamps. If the primary lamp is out, you can switch to the alternate and continue using the projector:
1. Turn off the power to the projector.
2. Locate the flip-up door on the front corner of the projector. To switch to the alternate lamp, lift up on the flip-up door and turn the knob to the other lamp indicated (either “1” or “2”).
3. Close the flip-up door tightly.
4. Turn the power back on. The alternate lamp should now be functioning.

If both lamps are burned out, please call the Classroom Support Hotline at (612) 625-1086. We will dispatch a technician to replace the lamp as soon as possible.
**USING THE WIRELESS MICROPHONE**

1. Clip the microphone mouthpiece to your shirt, about 3 inches directly below your chin.

2. Turn the microphone transmitter on. *The ON/OFF switch will be on either the top or the front of the transmitter (depending on the model).*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE WIRELESS MICROPHONE AFTER USE.**

**WIRELESS MICROPHONE TIPS**

**IF THE MICROPHONE IS NOT WORKING:**
First try changing the batteries.

- Spare batteries are kept in either the drawer with the microphone, or in the pocket of the instructor’s podium.

- If you use the last set of spare batteries, or if changing the batteries does not solve the issue, please call the Classroom Support Hotline at (612) 625-1086.

**IF THE VOLUME IS TOO LOW/HIGH:**
Adjust the placement of the mouthpiece on your shirt.

- The microphone volume is optimized for the classroom and is not user adjustable.

- The “AUDIO MUTE” button will not mute audio from the microphone. To mute the microphone audio, simply turn the microphone off.