Audiovisual Guide

Room 303
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Introduction

The following is a guide designed to assist you with operating the audiovisual equipment available at New England Law | Boston. Even though the logic and concepts are similar throughout all of our rooms we felt there was enough difference in the orientation and specific equipment found in classrooms to warrant developing a guide for each one. This guide offers both an overview of the specific components available in the room (and their locations) as well as comprehensive step-by-step guides to cover common AV functions used in classrooms.

If there is an additional scenario you have used that is not included in this guide or if you have any suggestions for modifications please let us know at tms@nesl.edu, we are always appreciative of your input.

Section 1 - Room Equipment List

Room 303 contains the following audiovisual equipment

1) Desktop Computer
2) Wireless Keyboard and Mouse
3) Computer VGA monitor
4) Wall Plate Room Control Panel
5) Ceiling-mounted LCD TV
6) Laptop Video & Audio Cable
7) USB Input Cable
8) Power Outlets (wall-mounted)
9) Network Port (wall mounted)
10) Ceiling-mounted Microphones
11) Ceiling-mounted Speakers
12) DVD Player
13) VHS Video Player
14) Wall-mounted Camera
Section 2 - Room Equipment Location and Description

Image - View from behind the Lectern
2.1) Desktop Computer, Monitor, Wireless Keyboard and Mouse

The PC in the room (located on the left of the AV Rack below the wireless keyboard, see image above) has Windows 7 installed and comes equipped with applications typically used as part of lectures. These include common document reading applications (Microsoft Office 2010, WordPerfect and Adobe Reader.), common web browsers (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome), various media-related applications (Windows Media Player, VLC media player, RealPlayer, iTunes) and a SMART Board Suite.

The computer can access both the school’s local network and the Internet. Class presentation material can either be accessed via a local network folder (e.g. the Faculty share), an Internet cloud service (e.g. TWEN) or a drive
plugged into the machine’s **USB port** accessible on the front of the unit (see highlighted green rectangle in image above). The computer can display anything that is showing on it’s monitor on the room projector system so is typically the main mechanism for showing slide presentations, Internet resource references etc. See step-by-step guide ‘Playing a DVD in the classroom’ for more details.

2.2) Wall Control Panel

*For location see 'View from front of AV Rack’s image on page 3*

To simplify accessing and controlling the equipment in the room a lot of the common functions (listed below) have been programmed on the wall-mounted pushbutton panel. The step-by-step guides section covers some examples of workflows using this unit.

**Available functions:**

- Power on and off room equipment
- Selecting the source to display on the projector
- Volume controls for equipment (EG DVD player)
2.3) LCD TV

Image – LCD TV Locations

Room 303 is equipped with double ceiling mounted LCD TVs (42”) that are pre-wired for all the relevant equipment in the room (Lectern Desktop Computer, DVD/VHS Player, and Laptop Input). It is also specifically oriented to best utilize the space and angle of the room.
2.4) **Laptop Input Cables**

The Laptop Input cable is located on the left side of AV Rack. It is hung on the wall next to left of the PC. It is a black cable VGA type. Because of the limitation in space, Room 303 using the direct VGA port on wall-mounted AV plate to transport laptop signal to LCD TVs.

![Image - Laptop Input Cables Location](image)

**A) Laptop Video Cable**

Connect this to the VGA out port found on most laptops to share your devices display with the class via the projector.

*Note: the connector type is a 15 pin standard display type, your laptop may need an adapter to connect its output to this standard. MacBooks for example typically have a technology called ‘DisplayPort’ which needs a a converted in order to plug into this input. If in doubt reach out to the TMS group (see ‘Support hours, procedures and contact information’ section at the end of this guide) and we can offer assistance.*

**B) Laptop Audio Cable**

This 1/8" inch connector should be plugged into the headphones jack on your laptop in order to share your devices audio with the class via the in room sound system. (Note, anything device with a standard headphone
jack, e.g. an iPod or iPhone, can use this cable to play audio through the room’s sound system)

**Image - Laptop Input Video/Audio Cables (closer look)**

2.5) **USB Input Cable (Male)**

Connect this to any compatible equipment you have with a USB input (e.g. a portable drive) to gain access to it via the Desktop Computer

**Image - USB Input Cables (closer look)**
2.6) Power Outlets (wall-mounted)

There are two outlets located on the wall just behind the AV Rack (when facing it). These outlets are places for you to plug in any equipment you may be bringing into the room (e.g., laptop, phone charger, tablet charger, etc.).

Image - Power Outlet & Network Port Locations
2.7) **Network Port (wall mounted)**

This is located on a wall plate, left side of the AV Rack – *see above image.*

Even though the Stuart Street building is equipped with a wireless network, there may be situations where you want to plug your laptop into the wired network and this offers the means to do that.

2.8) **Ceiling-mounted Microphones and Speakers**

![Image - Room Microphone Locations](image)

Room 303 is equipped with one microphone mounted to the ceiling invisible near the AV Rack. This Microphone can be used for sending a lecturer’s voice to an additional room\rooms (termed ‘overflow’) or for capturing the lecturer’s voice when a class is being recorded. Overflow and recordings are available services where circumstances warrant it by making a request to TMS, *see the ‘Support hours, procedures and contact information’ section at the end of this guide.*

Please note that as this microphone is the source for capturing the presenter’s voice for class recordings it’s important to be cognitive of your physical position when teaching a class being recorded, deviating too far from the location of this microphone will result in fluctuating volume quality.

The speakers are mounted into the ceiling and located at designated positions around the classroom. As well as projecting the sound picked up from ceiling microphone in the room these are also the source for presenting
sound from the Lectern Desktop Computer, anything plugged into the Lectern Laptop Audio Input Cable, a DVD or VHS video being played in the room and any signal from another classroom set to overflow into 303.

**Volume controls** for room 303’s speakers can be accessed via buttons that appear on the right of the wall-mounted pushbutton panel. Adjusting audio volume and other parameters is enabled using the ‘VOL UP’, ‘VOL DOWN’, and ‘MUTE’ buttons. This will control the level of whatever audio you happen to be running through the speakers at the time, e.g. a DVD or sounds from the computer.

2.9) **DVD Player\VHS video Player**
A dedicated DVD and VHS player is available for displaying disks/tapes. The Lectern Desktop Computer can also play DVDs that can be sent to the projector in the room in the event problems are experienced when using the dedicated player.

2.10) Wall-mounted Camera
A video camera is permanently fixed to the wall at the back of the classroom. This is the means by which TMS can record classes when applicable. Unless a class has been specifically requested as recorded (students are not allowed to make such a request, only the presenting professor or in some instances the administration on behalf of the professor) this camera is not used.
Note: All of the step-by-step guides assume the equipment is off when you walk into the room. It’s conceivable that a previous lecturer left the computer or projector on when leaving their class. Even if this is the case follow the steps as they appear below, some items such as the descriptions of the equipment warming up will be irrelevant.

3.1) Displaying a PowerPoint Presentation on the LCD TV Screens (using the Lectern Computer)

1) Start by locating the wall-mounted pushbutton panel on the wall near AV Rack (see ‘View from front of AV Racks’ image on page 3) and its “PC” button.

3) Press on the “PC” button, the “PC” button light indicator starts blinking for a few seconds and then stays solid with the red light on. Both LCD TV displays should show the login page. The Lectern computer’s monitor always display the login page, use the wireless keyboard & mouse (see Computer Equipment Location image on page 3 for its location), and log in.
**Note 1:** If the computer VGA monitor doesn’t show a display even though LCD TV screens are displaying the login screen, make sure it is switched on. Its power button is located on the bottom right hand side of the screen.

**Note 2:** If you find that the computer starts up but instead of a login screen you see desktop icons it means the last user did not log out of the PC. We would advise that in this situation you log off the computer and log on again with preferred credentials.

4) Locate and launch your PowerPoint presentation (see section below ‘Locating Your Files’ for working with various file storage scenarios)

5) When the presentation is over you have two options.

   a) **Leave the Equipment Running**
      If you think there is another lecture following your own class it is advisable to leave the equipment on. This will save the incoming presenter from having to go through the complete startup process. In this instance just close whatever application you were using for the presentation (presumably PowerPoint), if you were running the file from a copy stored on the local Desktop PC delete it, and just log off the computer.

   b) **Shut Down the Equipment**
      If you want to do a complete shutdown of the system this is quite easy to do. Close whatever application you were using for the presentation (presumably PowerPoint), if you were running the file from a copy stored on the local Desktop PC delete it, and just log off the computer. Then on the pushbutton control panel just press “Off” button. That’s it!

      The computer VGA may stay on, you can leave it alone as the computer’s power saving settings will take care of that subsequent to the other equipment.

**Locating Your Files**

**Network Drive**
If you have the presentation saved on a network share, double-click the ‘Computer’ icon located on the top left of the desktop. A list of all the connected drives should appear. If logged on as the ‘Lectern’ user the L drive should default to the Lectern share. If logged on as your own username the
Lectern share will most likely not appear, in that instance you will have access to your U: drive or any department shared folders (e.g. Fac_Shared).

**Cloud Drive**
If you have your file stored on the Internet, e.g. TWEN site, just open any of the web browsers on the PC, point to the relevant web address and log in to it. It would be suggested to copy the file down to the local desktop for the duration of the lecture, this will ensure that even if system wide internet issues occur while you are teaching the class you should remain unaffected. Ensure to delete the file from the local storage when the class is completed.

**USB Drive**
If you are bringing some form of storage drive with you (e.g. a Thumb Drive) then plug it in to one of the USB ports on the front of the lectern computer (these are highlighted in the Computer Equipment Location image located on page 4). Or, you can use the following available ports on Desktop Monitor or USB cable on AV Rack.

*Note:* Sometimes certain USB drives don’t get the power they need from a specific USB port, if your drive doesn’t get recognized remove it and plug it in to one of the other available ports.

If the drive gets recognized the following message may appear (if not skip down to the ‘If no popup appears when you plug in the USB drive.’ Section below)

![Scan and fix MINIDRIVE (E):]

**Do you want to scan and fix MINIDRIVE (E):**

There might be a problem with some files on this device or disc. This can happen if you remove the device or disc before all files have been written to it.

- **Scan and fix (recommended)**
  - This will prevent future problems when copying files to this device or disc.

- **Continue without scanning**
Click ‘Continue without scanning’. You should then be presented with the following window:

![MINIDRIVE (E:)](image)

Select ‘Open folder to view files’. Locate your file, either drag it onto the desktop to run it locally (remember to delete it after the lecture) or launch it straight from the USB drive.

**If no popup appears when you plug in the USB drive.**

Locate the ‘Computer’ icon on top left of the desktop and double-click it. From the window that appears, under the ‘Devices with Removable Storage’ section locate your drive (it typically will show up as the ‘I’ drive in room 303 and should have the following icon).

![I drive icon](image)

Double-click it to locate your files stored on it.
3.2) Using a laptop to show class material on the LCD TV Screens

**Note:** If you are planning on accessing the Internet as part of your presentation ensure the laptop is connected to the school’s WIFI or plugged in to one of the available room network ports prior to class beginning. If you need any assistance setting this up please reach out to the helpdesk see ‘Support hours, procedures and contact information’ section at the end of this guide.

1) Plug your laptop’s ‘display out’ connector into the cable highlighted on the **Laptop Input Cables** image that appears on page 7. *(Note that this could also be a tablet or any other device you have but in most cases you will need an adapter to translate its video out connector into the standard VGA type found on the cable.)*

If you plan to also use some audio on your device as classroom material plug the 1\8\th inch audio cable, which is also highlighted in the **Laptop Input Cables** image, into the headphone jack on your laptop\ device.

2) Locate the wall-mounted pushbutton panel on the wall near AV Rack (see ‘View from front of AV Racks’ image on page 3) and its “LAPTOP” button.
3) Press on the “LAPTOP” button, the “LAPTOP” button light indicator starts blinking (red) for a few seconds and then stays solid with the red light on. The LCD TV will be then turned on and connects to the Laptop input and should show your laptop\device’s display appearing on the both screens.

4) When the presentation is over you have two options.

   a) Leave the Room Equipment Running  
   If you think there is another lecture following your own class it is advisable to leave the equipment on. This will save the incoming presenter from having to go through the complete startup process. In this instance just unplug your laptop or device from the VGA input cable and take it with you.

   b) Shut Down the Equipment  
   If you want to do a complete shutdown of the system this is quite easy to do. Close whatever application you were using for the presentation (presumably PowerPoint), if you were running the file from a copy stored on the local Desktop PC delete it, and just log off the computer. Then on the pushbutton control panel just press “Off” button. That’s it!

   Both TV Screens and room audio will power down. Unplug your laptop or device from the VGA input cable and take it with you.

3.3) Playing a DVD on the LCD TV Screens

The following steps assume you are using the dedicated DVD player in the room. It’s also possible to place a disk in the Desktop Computer’s drive and use any of the available media playing applications installed on it (VLC Player tends to work best). Some presenters prefer that method as jumping to certain points in the video are easier on a computer. To run a DVD that way just refer to the instructions from step-by-step guide 3.1 (Displaying a PowerPoint Presentation on the LCD TV Screens), the steps for using the computer as a DVD player are very similar except instead of opening a presentation you will insert a DVD disk into the computer and the video should auto-launch.

   2) Locate the dedicated DVD player on AV Rack (refer to the DVD\VHS Player image on page 12). Press the eject button (the button to the right of the DVD tray that is marked with a symbol of a triangle above a rectangle). The tray will open, place your DVD disk on it and then press the eject button. The disk will begin loading.

   3) Locate the wall-mounted pushbutton panel on the wall near AV Rack (see ‘View from front of AV Racks’ image on page 3) and its “DVD” button.
3) Press the **DVD** button.

4) The “**DVD**” button light indicator starts blinking (**red**) for a few seconds and then stays solid with the red light on. Both LCD TV Screens will connect to the DVD player’s input and they should show the DVD Player Startup Logo.

5) At this point, use the DVD control buttons on the DVD itself to play your DVD or rewind, fast forward, or pause.

6) When completed, repeat the process from step 1) above to remove the disk from the DVD player.

**a) Leave the Room Equipment Running**

If you think there is another lecture following your own class it is advisable to leave the equipment on. This will save the incoming presenter from having to go through the complete startup process.

**b) Shut Down the Equipment**

**c) If you want to do a complete shutdown of the system this is quite easy to do. Close whatever application you were using for the presentation (presumably PowerPoint), if you were running the**
file from a copy stored on the local Desktop PC delete it, and just log off the computer. Then on the pushbutton control panel just press “Off” button. That’s it! The TV Screen and room audio will power down.

**NOTE:** Repeat from step 1 to 7 for VHS, just press “VCR” button on the pushbutton control panel at step 3.

### 3.4) Having a class recorded

This is a service available on request. Only review classes and make-up classes don’t require approval from the faculty Dean. No matter what the nature of the class being recorded is though the procedure is the same and involves you making a request online, below are some guidelines.

1) Go to the TMS home page ([http://tms.nesl.edu](http://tms.nesl.edu)), under ‘Faculty Center’ on the left of the home page click ‘Audio Visual Requests’ for the necessary form. This must be submitted within the minimum notice period for such requests *(see the ‘Support hours, procedures and contact information’ section at the end of this guide for specifics)*

2) Fill out the request form. Select ‘My class/event needs to be recorded’ on the form and make sure to specify in the appropriate section what type of media you want the class captured on

*Online Streaming Video* – The class will be available to view as a streaming video watched via a web browser

*DVD* – The class will be recorded directly to a DVD disk that can be made available in the library to be checked out for viewing or just given to a presenter to distribute as he/she sees fit.

*Both* – The class will be captured to both DVD disk and made available for viewing online.

Once the request is completed and has been submitted you will receive a confirmation Email.

1) The video that will be recorded for the presentation will be captured via the in room camera mounted on the wall at the back of the class.

**NOTE:** If you need to position the camera to an optimum angle to the way you want to present the class, please reach out to TMS staffs prior your class begins to discuss your reference. TMS Staffs will make
adjustments from Control Office (HeadEnd).

2) The audio that will be recorded for the presentation will be captured via the microphones in the room. For room 303 these are located in the ceiling (see section 9 of the Room Equipment Location and Description section at the start of this guide for more detail). Where you may not need to normally focus on your position and movement while teaching a class, when a recording is in progress best practice would be to stand behind the lectern so that the audio volume remains at a consistent level.

3) All recording equipment and work happens outside the room so there is nothing for you to do beyond that point. A helpdesk member will reach out to you when the recording has been prepared on the selected media (can take up to 24 hours to complete) with the necessary link or DVD disk.
Support Contact Information, Hours and Policies

Technology and Media Services Contact Information

**Telephone:**
From a phone on the school system: **7404**

Note: on the third floor of Stuart Street there is a phone handset located on the wall between room 302 (student lounge) and room 303, you just need to dial 7404 on this for helpdesk assistance.

From a phone not on the school system (e.g. your mobile): **617-422-7404**

**Email:** – **tms@nesl.edu**

**Web Site:** [http://tms.nesl.edu](http://tms.nesl.edu)

Technology and Media Services Hours of Operation

The TMS will now be open as follows:

- **During the academic year**
  - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday
  - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday
  - Staff can be made available for audiovisual requests on Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays*
  - Remote support during winter break

- **During the summer**
  - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday
  - 9 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. on Friday
  - Staff can be made available for audiovisual requests on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday*

* Staff will only be on site if a specific audiovisual request that needs assistance (e.g. class recording) is submitted within the minimum required notice period (see below).
Technology and Media Services Required Minimum Notice Periods For AV Requests

To facilitate scheduling the necessary TMS staff resources to facilitate audiovisual requests, while still maintaining a service level for all of the other responsibilities that’s required from the helpdesk, the following minimum notice periods are in effect.

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