Public Health Classrooms – Fall 2021

Please note that this document is for classrooms located in the Public Health building only. If your class is located outside of the building, please contact Classroom Services (teaching@pitt.edu) for help with your room.

Support

The classrooms in Public Health are managed by Classroom Services. If you have any issues or need assistance, please reach out to them. Their information is below.

teaching@pitt.edu
https://teaching.pitt.edu/classroom-services/

Public Health IT is also available to help in emergencies by calling 412-648-9663.

First Time in a Classroom

(When using Flex@Pitt technology, this connection is not needed.)
All classrooms in Public Health use an HDMI connection to push both video and audio to the room's equipment. An example of an HDMI cable is shown below.

Before classes begin, faculty should verify they have what they need to connect their devices in their assigned classroom. If they have any issues, they should contact Public Health IT to verify they have a HDMI cable and adapter for their computer.

Technologies

General

Public Health has two different technologies depending on the classroom. There is the Flex@Pitt (also called Zoom Rooms) technology and the Owl Meeting cameras. More details about each are below.

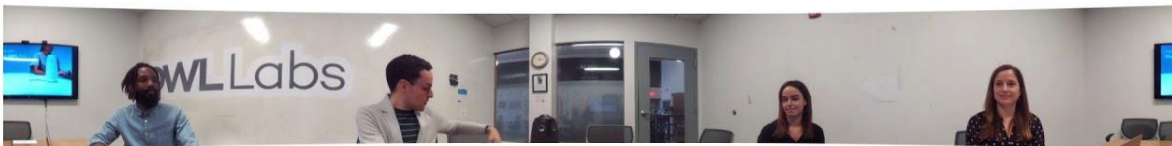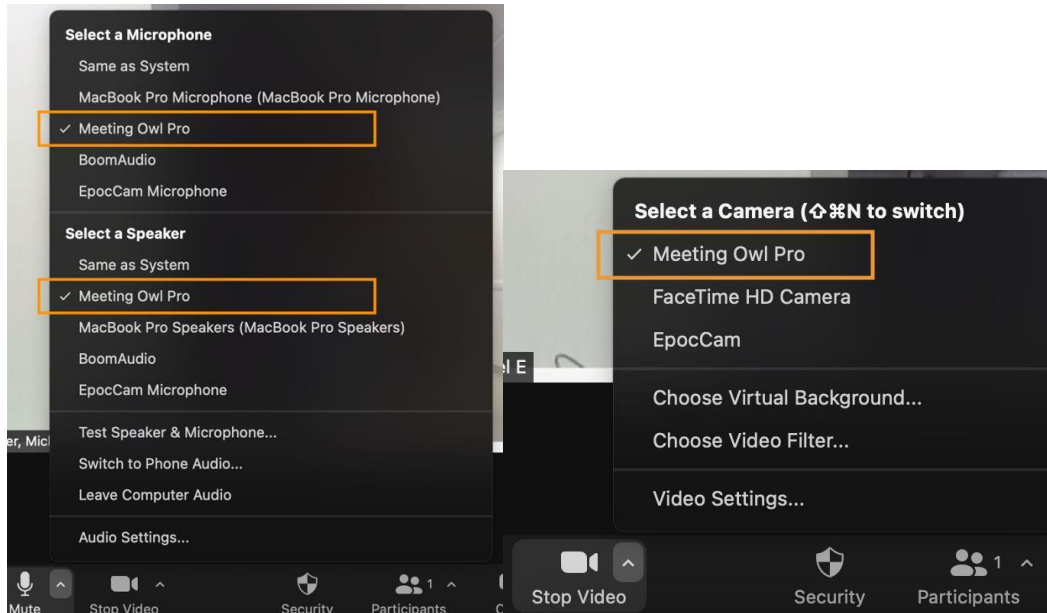| Room	Technology
G23	Flex@Pitt
A115	Flex@Pitt
A215	Flex@Pitt
A216	Owl Meeting Camera
2121C	Owl Meeting Camera
3131C	Owl Meeting Camera
A425	Flex@Pitt
A522	Owl Meeting Camera
A622	Owl Meeting Camera
A719	Flex@Pitt

Owl Meeting Camera

Owl Meeting cameras offer a 360-degree view of the room and can split into three separate areas that try to focus on those that are talking.

These cameras plug into your laptop via a standard USB connection (example image on the right) and all that is required is to select "Owl" for your microphone, speaker, and camera. There are volume and mute controls on the side of the Owl.

An example of the camera image is below.
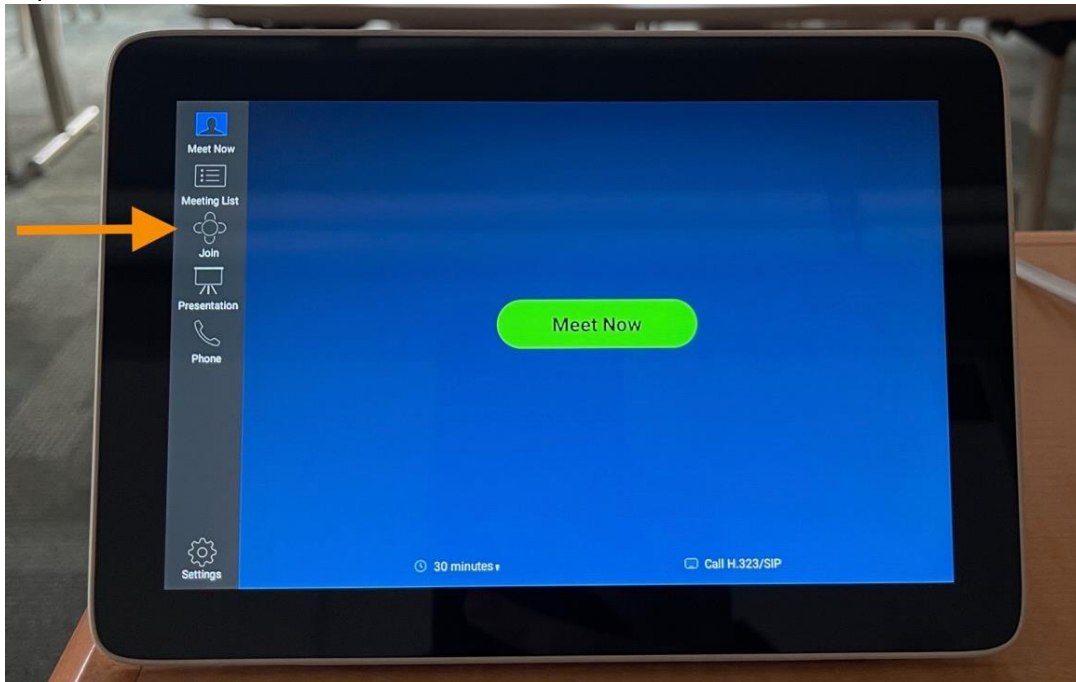
Example of Zoom Settings:

Please note that the Owl Meeting Cameras are not supported by Classroom Services. Those have been added by Public Health IT.

Flex@Pitt Rooms

Some rooms will have the Flex@Pitt technology that includes a camera and microphone that face the instructor. To use this in your class, you simply need to join your scheduled Zoom meeting.

Note: You do not plug your laptop into the projector/TV when using this technology. Everything will be displayed through the Flex@Pitt device. You can still join the Zoom meeting with your laptop to share slides/chat, but you **must not join the audio** portion on your laptop. This will cause feedback, as you'll have two microphones and speakers close together.

1. Tap "Join" on the Zoom Room Controller.

2. Enter your class Zoom meeting ID and password.

Detailed instructions and videos can be found here:
https://www.technology.pitt.edu/services/zoomrooms

Note: In the instructions, you can ignore the sections about adding the room to your calendar.

Recording

Recording in classrooms should be done primarily with Panopto or Zoom at this time. Avoid using the white board as this will probably not show up in the camera.