

## Audio/Video resources available at the Graduate Center

[Adobe Connect](#) is a web-based conferencing application which can be used for hosting online meetings for groups large and small. Participants can convene online to securely share desktops, files, applications, presentations (audio and video), virtual whiteboard (with updates), and more, all in real time, right from their PC, laptop or mobile device. Connect's features are ideal for instances where one presenter is disseminating information to others.

Some possible uses include:

- Web conferencing, with regulated access to team meetings, to ensure privacy and security of communications and data
- Live, eLearning forums, unconstrained by physical and geographical boundaries, rich in virtual media.
  - Communication and collaboration for hybrid classes with mixed online and on-campus students
- Online seminars, training and professional development
- Virtual office hours or team meetings online

Accounts are limited and need to be requested well in advance. Video tutorials are available [online](#).

[The Lifesize Videoconferencing and Streaming Service](#) is multi-purpose, facilitating videoconferencing as well as content streaming, recording and viewing capabilities. Users can capture and stream live content in HD (high definition) resolution - including computer graphics presentations (PowerPoint, etc.) - plus post previously recorded videos, to a dedicated viewing channel which can be open to all viewers else regulated to a select group. The service supports concurrent recordings, on-demand streams, and simultaneous multiple live streams allowing users to quickly share and view media.

A videoconference can be held among two or more individuals seated at their desktop PC's, or gathered in a room, or in transit using their mobile device. Besides connecting between Lifesize users, our cloud-based videoconferencing service can connect with people using Skype-for-Business on their PC's and other devices, as well as with typical standards-based units (Polycom, Tandberg, and Cisco, etc.) found in many facilities.

Some possible uses include:

- Guest lecturer invited to present to a class, from another institution.
- Researchers collaborate with colleagues located at other institutions on a regular basis
- Thesis defense at another institution.

- Administrators from different parts of campus can convene, virtually, in a central location e.g. to collaborate on administrator issues such as a campus strategic plan.
- Researcher needs to meet with a review committee about a grant.
- Live streaming a special event from any of our main venues and conference rooms.

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**[Blackboard Collaborate](#)** is a browser-based collaborate session that is created within the Blackboard system. It is used to bridge the gap for digital learning with live interactions. This system includes a whiteboard, application sharing, and web sharing and it is used by faculty members who are teaching a course using Blackboard.

Blackboard Collaborate gives you the functionality you need to support a 21st century teaching and learning environment, such as two-way audio, multi-point video, interactive whiteboard, application and desktop sharing, rich media, breakout rooms, and session recording. Educators and students can engage as if they were in a traditional classroom, with as good as, or even better, outcomes. Reference guides are available [online](#).

**[Sonexis](#)** is an in-house audio conference bridge system that is used either on-schedule or on ad-hoc basis. This tool allows up to 48 participants to be bridged together. It also provides web based teleconferencing and collaboration services as well. Reference guide is available [online](#).

**[Avaya](#)** is an audio conferencing tool that allows up to 6 participants to connect on a multi-party conference call using your Avaya desktop telephone.

**[Skype](#)** is a web-based audio/video conferencing tool available from any GC desktop computer.

Feel free to visit our [GC Portal](#) to learn more or contact us at [itservices@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:itservices@gc.cuny.edu)