

Audio/Video resources available at the Graduate Center

[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.

Video tutorials are available [online](#).

[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