University Hall: Connecting Your Laptop to the Projector

Connecting your laptop to the projector is simple. It just takes few steps and some patience.

To Connect the Video Cable:
A VGA video cable is attached to the podium. With your laptop turned off, gently connect it to the VGA port on your laptop. Make sure the pins inside the VGA connector align with your laptop’s VGA port.

With a Mac laptop, you will need to have a specific adapter that will connect to your laptop’s monitor port and to the VGA cable. These adapters are available through apple.com. Make sure you order the correct adapter for your laptop.

To Connect the Audio Cable:
For sound, simply connect the audio cable into the speaker port. The speaker port is also where you would connect your headphones.

To Configure the Laptop:
The method for configuring your laptop to work with an external video source depends heavily on the laptop. Some laptops can be toggled to display to the laptop, an external source, or both. Other laptops automatically detect the signal. In general, connect the display source with your laptop off and then boot the computer. A display resolution of 1024x768 at 75Hz is generally a good resolution to use.

To Disconnect the Laptop:
When you are finished, power down your computer and then remove the VGA cable from your laptop. Wrap it neatly and leave it plugged in to the connector panel at the front of the room. Please remember to turn the projector OFF.