## The Lazy Person's Guide

to Teaching in the Future Classroom

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#### In a traditional classroom,

have you ever encountered difficulties in leading group activities?

Or have you faced the problem of low student participation in class?

In a "Future Classroom," you can teach your courses more easily.

The Digital Learning Center has provided some real-life examples.

Feel free to refer to and apply them to your class!

#### Where are the Future Classrooms at NTU?

Office of Academic Affairs (5 classrooms)	Zonghe Lecture Building (2) Boya Lecture Building (2) Gongtong Lecture Building (1)	
Other Departments (58 classrooms)	College of Management: College of Management: College of Liberal Arts: Department of College of Life Science: Department of College of Social Sciences: College of Social Science in College of Engineering: College of Engineering: College of Engineering: College of Engineering: College of Science: Department of Mathe College of Bioresources and Agriculture Science & Technology (1), School of Forces	Anthropology (2) Biochemical Science and Technology (1), Department of Life Science (1) cial Sciences (1), College of Social Sciences Library (1), Graduate Institute of Journalism (1) Department of Law Library (1) neering (2), Department of Civil Engineering (2), Department of Biomedical Engineering (5), Department Industrial Engineering (1) ematics (1), Department of Geosciences (5), Department of Geography (2), Institute of Oceanography (6) : Department of Animal Science and Technology (1), Department of Entomology (1), Institute of Food stry and Resources Conservation (1), Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture (1), (1), Department of Biomechatronics Engineering (1), School of Veterinary Medicine (1)

Teachers are welcome to apply for and use the classrooms.

#### When you want to display teaching materials on the screen...



- The laptop has to be connected to the e-lectern.
- The arrangement of the laptop is restricted to the length of the wire.
- Too many wires makes the table untidy. It takes time to arrange.



- Teaching materials can be displayed on the screen wirelessly through cellphones, tablets, and laptops.
- You can displayed teaching materials wherever you are in the classroom without being restricted by wire length.
- Through wireless connection, the table is tidy. It's also fast to set up the device.

#### When you want to share multiple images...



- There's only one screen in each classroom.
- Only one slide or image can be displayed each time.
- It's difficult for students in the back of the classroom to see clearly.



- Multiple images can be displayed simultaneously on multiple screens.
- There are screens at each side of the classroom, so every student is able to see clearly.
- By using the control system, the images of each screen can be displayed on one another.

## When you want to compare two images...



- Only one image can be displayed on the screen per time.
- When there are multiple images, you have to place them side by side manually.
- When students have discussions, they have to place their laptops together to compare.



- Images from different laptops can be displayed on different screens simultaneously.
- Or images from different laptops can be displayed on the same screen, and the images can be switched easily by pressing a switch button.
- Or teachers and students can use a split screen to compare different images.

## When you want to observe teaching material details...

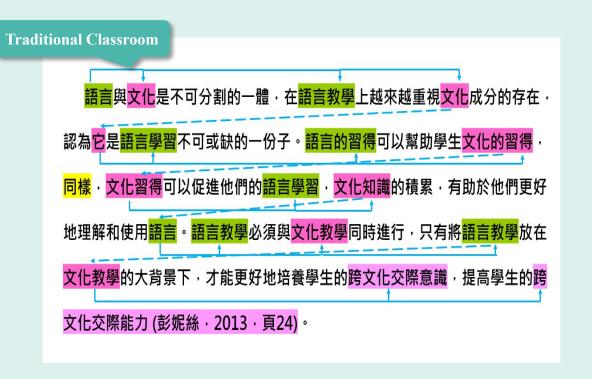


- When pictures in the teaching material are small, it's difficult for students to see the details.
- The image has to be scaled up, or students have to take a closer look by moving closer to the screen.
- It's difficult for students in the back of the room to see the image clearly.

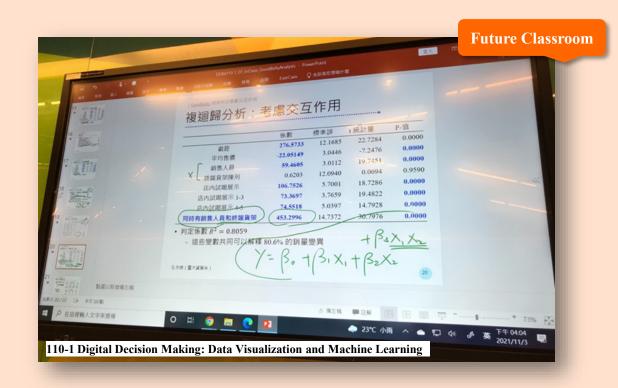


- The large format 4K displays show details clearly.
- Students are able to see the image clearly without having to scale up the image.
- There are screens at each side of the classroom so students can see the image clearly from all around.

## When you want to highlight key points in teaching materials...



- Teachers can't write on the screen, so they have to spend extra time to make animations for teaching materials.
- Teachers need a laser pointer or mouse to highlight key points.
- It's difficult for students in the back of the room to see the laser point or mouse cursor clearly.



- Teachers can directly write and mark on any image on the screen.
- It's convenient for highlighting key points, so teachers no longer have to make animations for teaching materials.
- Each screen can simultaneously display marked content, so it's also convenient for students to watch it.

#### When you want students to solve a problem...



- Teachers have to print out tests or have students write their answers on paper.
- Students solve problems on their own, and they hardly have interaction with their peers.
- Answers on paper are small, and it's difficult for teachers to gauge students' learning performance.



- Questions can be displayed on the screen directly, and students can answer the questions on the screen.
- Students from the same groups can work together to brainstorm.
- Teachers can see answers rapidly and clearly and gauge students' learning performance immediately.

#### When there's a group discussion...



- Group members have to look at the same laptop.
- Pens and paper are needed for writing down ideas or results. It's less environmentally friendly.
- Some students show low participation and free riding behavior.
- It's difficult for teachers to gauge the performance of each group.

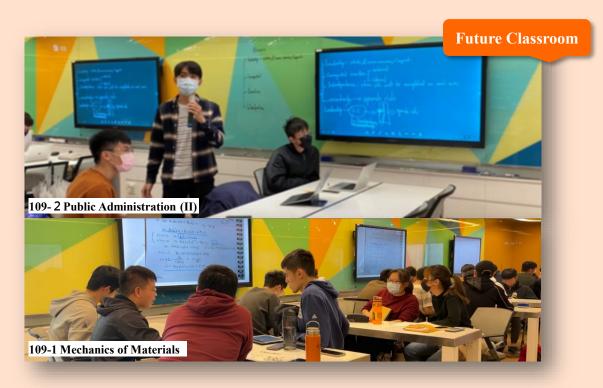


- Each group can display their answers or ideas on the screen so it's easy for everyone to see.
- The content of discussions can be written on the screen or be directly written on the table.
- It enhances students' participation in discussions and reduces the free riding problem.
- It's easy for teachers to walk around different groups and gauge their discussion.

#### When students are asked to share their ideas...



- It's hard for teachers and students to move around in a classroom with narrow aisles.
- It's less environmentally friendly to present discussion results with posters or post-it notes.
- It's time-consuming to take turns making a presentation up at the front and to access files.
- If students in the back of the classroom can't see the content clearly, it's difficult to conduct a peer review.

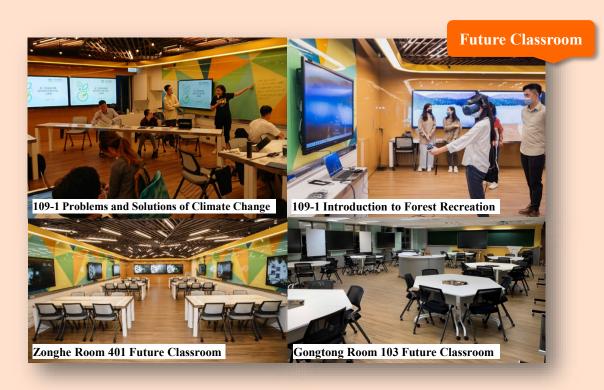


- The classroom is spacious, and it's easy for teachers and students to move around.
- Discussion results can be directly displayed on the screen wirelessly.
- Students can make a presentation from their seats. They don't have to move around. It's convenient and saves time.
- Images can be shared to the entire class. It's convenient for comparing and conducting peer reviews.

#### When you want to arrange activities in class...



- It's inconvenient to move tables and chairs without wheels.
- Some classrooms have tables and chairs firmly fixed to the floor.
- Space between seats is narrow. It's difficult to rearrange space.
- It's difficult for teachers to walk around students' seats to gauge their learning performance.

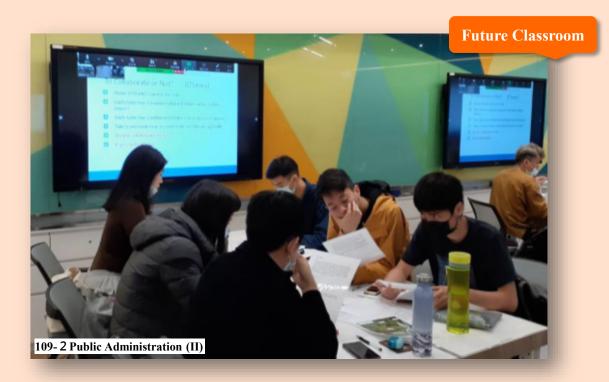


- Tables and chairs have wheels. It's convenient to move them around.
- Tables can be arranged in different styles based on needs.
- Tables and chairs can be move toward the walls to create more space for activities.
- Teachers can walk around students anytime to promptly gauge students' learning performance.

## When conducting distance learning...



- The videos can only be made with a laptop camera or an external webcam.
- The effects of the built-in microphone on the laptop aren't good, so an external microphone is required.
- Students online can't see the classroom and images displayed on the screen simultaneously.
- It's difficult for teachers to gauge students' learning performance online.



- The video camera in the back of the classroom is the webcam.
- Through the professional recording system, the students online can hear the lecture clearly.
- The adopted video switcher system can switch between the images of the classroom and images on the screen for students online.
- The images of students online can be displayed on the large screen so it's convenient for teachers to gauge their learning performance.

#### When you need to make a video...



- The images of the teaching materials and the speaker have to be combined through post-production.
- If the speaker needs to look at a large-letter poster, a teleprompter or poster is required.
- It takes the cooperation of multiple people to produce a video.



- The speaker and the images of the teaching materials can be recorded simultaneously in front of the screen.
- The screen the speaker faces can be a teleprompter.
- The video can be made by one person.

# You are welcome to discover the many more functions of Future Classrooms!



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