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?

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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…

**Traditional Classroom**

- 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.

**Future Classroom**

- 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.

Future Classroom

- 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 webcam in the back of the classroom.
- 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.

- 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.
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!