Aalto University Learning Centre

The Studio User Guide

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The core of studio recording relies on Panopto video platform; users can manage video content, record and distribute their material. More information https://wiki.aalto.fi/display/OPIT/Pano-

The Studio is designed for Aalto users; for small user groups & panel discussions, interviews, lectures and thesis. The studio facilities include computer (used for video recording and streaming), camera, microphone, studio lighting, curtains, AV touch panel controller, iPad teleprompter with all necessary chairs and tables.

Aalto University Learning Centre Studio is a fully equipped self service video studio. User can record/ store video, audio and data (such as PowerPont, PDF) or distribute video material over network as a live broadcast. The user is also able to share recorded content to viewers right after recording or schedule own timetable.

Location: Aalto University Harald Herlin Learning Centre, Otaniemi, Otaniemietie 9, (K) floor Booking: booking.aalto.fi (Tilakalenterit/ Otaniemi/ erityiset kokoushuoneet/ Oppimiskeskus/ videostudio (K015d). Support: Learning Center staff provides local support for studio or via phone 050 3206233/ Mika Lindberg, oppimiskeskus@aalto.fi
It’s highly recommended that the user get to know studio equipment. First-timers should visit and test the studio before actual video recording takes place (minimum one hour). Studio visit and test booking should be reserved with local support service (oppimiskekus@aalto.fi) or via phone. This ensures the best possible studio experience while creating the end product. During the visiting and testing session user will be briefly guided how to handle equipment and focus on visual perspective.

At the start

Prepare, plan and script video; what it should include, who is the target audience. Reserve the studio booking.aalto.fi (Picture 1). Make sure you have all supplementary material with you or/and in easy usable format when entering the studio. Make sure you have enough time to make starting preparations before actual recording starts. Learning Centre staff will let you into the studio. - See “Drapes” section for using studio drapes.

Equipment

Turn lights on/off from the power switch (picture 2), located near the main entrance door. From left hand side swticher user controls overall lights and from right hand side video light panels. Control other technical equipment from lecture table; wireless keyboard and mouse and AV touch panel (picture 3). 1) Touch the AV panel with your finger. You can access the menu view. 2) Click mouse button and Aalto login page will appear on TV monitors. Sign in with your Aalto username and password.

Panopto setup

Change settings as follows:
1) Video size: Ultra 2) Screen capture: 1280x720, 25fps, 1500kbps

The main purpose of visiting the studio is to record a short video clip, which can be edited and evaluated afterwards with the user’s own computer. Every Aalto user has their own Panopto profile and storage. Visit for more panopto.aalto.fi

Experienced users can use the space as they wish. All deficiencies concerning studio functionality should be reported immediately to Learning Centre staff.
**Drapes**

Drapes are installed on the curtain rod. It can be closed by using ropes hanging in the back of the studio. Do not pull drapes with your hands.

**Camera controller** (picture 5)

Camera presets will be found on the camera remote controller; zoom, pan and tilt functions for adjusting picture size and position.

**TV monitors** (picture 4)

The user sees own Aalto desktop on the TV monitors. If presentation materials has been copied (E.g Powerpoint) to desktop, files can be found there. Just double click the presentation file. User can share presentation file to Panopto (Panopto instructions) or use it via secondary monitor. Panopto shortcut will be automatically on the desktop or Windows start. Double click Panopto shortcut and the program will open. If you’re first timer, you have to accept the user license first. After approving the license user have to double click Panopto shortcut again to access to recording program. Just choose right Panopto setups (Panopto instructions).

**Audio recording** (picture 6)

1) Room sound/ voice will be recorded with a ceiling mounted microphone. Do not change microphone’s direction and position settings. Sound volume can be controlled from the touch screen. Observe the optimal sound level from the Panopto sound level meter (do not let meter hit the red area quite often). 2) It’s possible to store all sounds (computer sound and room voice) with Panopto.

**Electricity**

Electrical power sockets are installed behind the drapes and in floor immersions.

**Ending the session**

The studio is only for recording and storing the video file. Learning Centre’s VRC-room is available for video reproduction (2nd floor). Sign out from your Aalto personal profile and log off the computer. Do not turn it off. Make sure the Studio is in the same condition as it was when you came in. Clean up all trashes. Turn off the lights. Lock the door when you leave.
Touch screen

Touch the screen and the system will start. In the screen, above, you’ll see the main options. Main functions control of each device are in the middle of the screen. The main options are divided into five different program sources:

1) Screens: TV monitors on/off
2) Lights: Colored effect lights to back screen.
3) Filming: Video and audio options (lecture desk and interview chairs).
   Camera control:
   • Arrows for camera tilt and pan
   • Zoom
   • Camera preset 1-6
Recommendations:
Preset 1 - 3 = Lecturer’s desk
Preset 4 - 6 = Chairs/interview/discussion

4) Advanced (PC): Choose the device source for TV monitors and Panopto:
   • Choose the source, camera or PC; PC4 + Monitor 1 and PC5 + Monitor 2 = PC desktop to TV screens.
   • Choose the source (PC1 - PC5, filming, stream preview) to screen Monitor 1 = upper TV screen Monitor 2 = lower TV screen.

5) Language options Finnish/English.
   Audio volume control on the right hand side of touch screen. (Ääni = audio, äänen mykistys = mute, mikrofonin mykistys = mute microphone).