Digital/Virtual Listening-Speaking Lab System

X-Class (Genesis) is a software-based classroom control system featuring the newest technologies available for multimedia interactivity, which is wonderful for speaking, listening, testing, and data collection. Not only does it include all features available in old audio listening lab systems, but those of the most expensive training labs as well as features never before possible. The following are some of the system’s powerful features:

• Pair students (randomly) and/or group students to do conversational activities
• Communicate with each of your students
• Broadcast your voice and your screen to individuals, groups or your entire class
• Broadcast student voice and their screens to individuals, groups or an entire class
• Broadcast live audio and video from any source from the teacher station while students can listen and record their audio for oral testing
• Save their work and listen to it later for assessment and research studies
• Project a student or a group writing and edit the document on the teacher’s station
• Launch software or the Internet on any student screen
• Turn on or off every computer or selected computers right from the instructor’s display
• Freeze or lock student computers if necessary
• Automatically or manually monitor every computer in your lab
• Control any of your networked computers
• And more

Course Materials on the LLC Website

• Anki Vocabulary Flashcards
  Chinese, French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish...

• Chinese
  Reading Into A New China, Volume 1, (2010)

• English as a Second Language

• French
  Hosted on the publishers’ web sites

• German
  Business German, (109)

• Hebrew
  Hebrew 001 Book 1, Recorded by Prof. Galia Franco, (2010)
  Hebrew - Biblical, Recorded by Prof. Galia Franco, (2010)

• Italian
  Avanti!, Beginning Italian, 1st Edition (MP3)
  Avanti!, Beginning Italian, 2nd Edition (MP3)
  Crescendo! 2E Text Audio CDs, (2007)

• Japanese
  Nakama 1, Mini-Dialogues by UCD JPN Instructors, (2013)

• Latin

• Russian
  Golosa, A Basic Course In Russian, (2007)
  Golosa, 5th Edition (2012): Linked to Publisher’s Site

• Spanish

• Urdu and Hindi
The Language Learning Center (LLC) endeavors to support language faculty, instructors and students in using new and conventional technologies to enhance and enrich language teaching, learning, testing and research. It is also intended to serve as a platform for sharing new skills and successful practices in language teaching, and for spreading fresh ideas in the study of second language pedagogy and acquisition.

The Language Learning Center is located in the basement of Olson Hall. In 1998 it was renovated from the old audio cassette labs to a digitized, state-of-the-art facility. With two computer classrooms and a conference/media room (all equipped with digital projection systems), as well as a walk-in computer lab and four sound-proof vocal booths, the Center today provides nearly 30 kinds of services and many technology-related workshops for faculty, instructors and students in 17 language-related departments or programs, including Arabic, Chinese, Classics, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Hindi/Urdu, African American Studies, Native American Studies, Linguistics, English as a Second Language, Anthropology, and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL).

### Professional Development
- Colloquiums and brown-bags
- Technology workshops
- Project consultation

### Teaching and Learning Support
- Customizing language applications/tools
- Streaming and developing course material
- Digitizing and editing audio and videos
- Assisting instructors in creating DVDs, etc.
- Assisting instructors using LLC resources
- Classroom instruction support in addition to using the digital listening lab system (X-Class)
- Assessment and data collection
- Accommodation of research experiments
- On-site trouble-shooting
- Supporting use of SmartSite and publishers' sites
- Videotaping classes in the LLC
- Language Exchange Program (LEP)
- Teaching students to use technologies for language activities and projects
- Viewing DVDs/VHS tapes and recording audio/video in vocal booths/sound-proof rooms
- Collecting open-sourced, online resources
- Creating tip sheets, visual guides, and video tutorials
- Consulting and referring users to related units

### Placement Exams
- Proctoring placement exams and proficiency tests
- Computerizing language placement exams
- Developing a language test template

### Instructional Materials & Resources
- Course materials on reserve (textbooks, answer keys, CD/DVDs, software, VHS tapes, etc.)
- Online audio and video for teaching
- Language software for self-paced study
- Foreign language magazines
- Video camera and tripod check-out

### Teaching and Learning Systems:
- X-Class (Digital Listening Lab System)

### Teaching Tools/Activities:
- Teaching Foreign Languages with PowerPoint
- Designing Interactive PowerPoint presentations
- Teaching With Concept Mapping
- Creating Language Activities with Hot Potatoes
- Webcam Recording for Oral Assessment
- Recording Screen Activities (for Course/Video Casting, Tutorials, Comments to Essay Correction or Video Scenes, Students’ Interactions, Animations, Games...)
- Creating Digital Story-Telling with PPT, Photo Story, iMovie, VoiceThread, ToonDoo, etc.

### Research and Teaching:
- Teaching with Concordance and Lexical Analysis
- Capturing Speaking with Facial Expression

### Graphic and Layout Design:
- Editing Images with the GIMP
- Creating Flyers in Word
- Producing a Large-Size Poster in PowerPoint

### Audio Recording and Editing:
- Recording, Digitizing and Editing Audio Recordings

### Video and DVD Creation:
- Recording and Digitizing Videos
- Editing with Various Platforms
- Extracting and Merging VCD/DVD/Videos
- Making DVDs with iMovie, and iDVD
- Converting Videos to Other Formats
- Adding Subtitles/Captioning without Coding
- Splitting and Merging (FLV, MEPG, etc.) in a Fast Way
- Downloading, Playing and Converting Flash Videos

### Web Design and Related Projects
- Designing Web Sites (with Various Tools)

**Note:** Instructors can request workshops and tech assistance as needed for classes and research projects.

### Usage Statistics

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