

How to get the best out of the Digital Humanities Lab Video wall



Our bespoke video wall located in Digital Humanities Seminar room 1, is a useful tool for the presentation and viewing of interactive research material and exhibits, such as maps, video, high resolution 2D and 3D images.

The screen is set up to offer a number of profile views which include the ability to connect portable devices such as laptops and tablets using ports housed in our lectern and tables.

Here are our top tips for using the Video wall effectively:

- The screen is 16:9 widescreen - make sure you select the right template when saving your slides in PowerPoint;
- Images that fill the screen have maximum impact - if they are good quality;
- Remember that poor quality images will look worse on screen;
- In PowerPoint, keep the content to the upper part of the screen, especially if teaching in theatre-layout;
- You are able to stream video content and use our Blu-ray player from the PC unit located in the Seminar room – our team can assist you with set up;
- Contact the Digital Humanities advisory team for support in advance of your session; you may benefit from a training workshop which will provide you with the skills to confidently use the wireless keyboard and mouse.

What other information is useful to have in mind when planning the use of the Video wall?

Using PowerPoint presentations, documents or webpages with little formatting or visual impact in a standard screen ratio can be lost on the big screen. When using a basic template in PowerPoint for example a standard black and white format, without colour, images or embedded video the presentation will be less defined and can appear visually quite bland.

Some video content may occasionally appear in repeat across the top and bottom of the screens when playing films or videos.

We have listed below some examples of content that would work well as part of a display on the big screen, in order to assist your planning.

- Interactive maps
- 3D models
- High resolution images - Jpeg or TIFF images taken on DSLR cameras
(Please note that we can digitise material for you, providing you have sought written permission from the Copyright holder)
- 4K video
- Blu-ray discs
- Games consoles including Xbox one and Play Station 4, please contact us to check compatibility for older models

How can I connect a device to the Video wall?

Visit the Digital Humanities Lab advisory desk with your device, we are usually able to loan you a HDMI cable compatible with your device. Please check compatibility with us in advance of your booking, should we need to order an alternative cable or adaptor to connect your equipment.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by email with any queries: digitalhumanities@exeter.ac.uk