

The Spanned Classroom Student Experience

What is a Spanned Classroom?

A spanned classroom is the simultaneous delivery of a teaching and learning lesson that takes place across two or more physical classrooms. Spanned classrooms are fitted out with presenter and audience microphones; room cameras; and computer monitors.

What are the benefits?

Provides an opportunity to deliver one class to two or more physical ECU classrooms at the same time. Enables access to content experts that may not be otherwise possible. Enhances the opportunity for collaboration and engagement with a wider audience. Communication in the virtual space has become common practice in the workplace. Most importantly, it adheres to ECU's commitment to integrate new technologies that enhance and support the teaching and learning experience.

What can I expect?

- At the beginning of class a 20 second count down will display before establishing the spanned connection.
- The left projected screen will display a camera view of the presenter or audience of the remote end.
- The right projected screen will display shared content e.g. laptop screen from the lecturer.
- Microphones are activated with respect to presentation or audience setup.
- A warning message will display 15 minutes before the end of the allocated class time and will auto disconnect the spanned connection (ECU policy to vacate the room 15 minutes prior beginning of next class).

How do I get the best learning experience?

- Come prepared by completing pre-class readings and activities. Compile a list of burning questions.
- Observe classroom protocols outlined by your lecturer e.g. if you have a question, raise and wave your hand and ask permission to speak.
- Be respectful to others' ideas and listen quietly while a speaker is presenting.
- Be responsible to maximize time on learning task.
- Actively participate in learning activities and sharing ideas with others.

What do I have to be mindful of?

- Silence mobile phones before entering class.
- Casual conversation levels and background noise can be picked up by the audience ceiling microphones and transmitted to the remote end.
- When engaged in meaningful class discussion, elevate the level of your voice as if speaking to the entire class.
- Awareness to the location of the classroom support phone in case of an emergency.