

FAQ: UWMF's Codian Video Bridge

<p>What is a Codian Video Bridge?</p>	<p>A video bridge is a device that allows several Video Conferencing units to connect at the same time. The UWMF has a Codian model of a video bridge.</p>
<p>Why do I need to know about video bridges?</p>	<p>If you are participating in a video conference that has several sites participating, you may be using a video bridge.</p>
<p>How can I tell if my video conference is using a video bridge?</p>	<p>Go to the Video Conferencing Schedule posted on the InsideDFM web pages: https://inside.fammed.wisc.edu/documents/3619 If your video conference is listed with a RED number at the bottom, you are using the UWMF's Codian Video Bridge. If your conference is color-coded BRIGHT GREEN, this meeting is using the Pyle Center's video bridge.</p>
<p>What does the RED number mean?</p>	<p>Each video conference configured on the video bridge is assigned a unique Conference ID. I list the Conference IDs on the video conferencing schedule each week.</p>
<p>Do I need to do anything differently if my video conference is using the video bridge?</p>	<p>Yes, No, and Maybe.</p> <p>NO: If your site is schedule to participate and your video conferencing unit is turned on prior to the start of the meeting, the video bridge will automatically connect you approximately 15 minutes prior to the actual starting time of your meeting.</p> <p>YES: If your site is not scheduled to participate you will not automatically be connected. If you did want to participate, you can dial directly into your meeting from your video conferencing unit by just dialing the appropriate Conference ID for your meeting - the RED number on the Video Conferencing Schedule. <i>DO NOT dial directly into the Alumni Hall Conference Room - this will disrupt the video bridge.</i></p> <p>MAYBE: If your site is scheduled to participate and your video conferencing unit was not turned on 15 minutes prior to the start of your meeting, you may not be connected. The Video Bridge will continue to attempt to connect to your video conferencing equipment until the actual start time of the meeting. If you turn your video conferencing equipment on prior to the start of your meeting, the Video Bridge will connect you automatically. If you turn your video conferencing equipment on AFTER the start of the meeting, you will need to dial the RED Conference ID number to join the video conference in progress. <i>DO NOT dial directly into the Alumni Hall Conference Room - this will disrupt the video bridge.</i></p>
<p>How is the UWMF's Codian Video Bridge different than the Pyle Center's Video Bridge?</p>	<p>Some of our larger Video Conferences require the use of the Pyle Center's Video Bridge. These video conferences are shown in BRIGHT GREEN on the Video Conferencing Calendar and are typically Statewide Grand Rounds, Statewide Faculty Meetings, and similar events.</p> <p>Connections are still made automatically as long as your video conferencing equipment is turned on at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of your meeting. If your video conferencing equipment is not turned at least 15 minutes prior to your meeting, there is no way that you can automatically connect to your meeting. <i>Attempting to connect to the Alumni Hall Conference Room from your own video conferencing equipment will interfere with the Pyle Center's Video Bridge and will disrupt the meeting for all sites participating.</i></p> <p>You do need to tell your meeting organizer if you wish to have your site connected to this Video Conference. We only connect to sites that have RSVP'd in advance.</p> <p>If you decide that you do want to connect to a video conference that is using the Pyle Center's Video Bridge, contact the Video Conferencing Cell Phone at: 608/630-1469. We will connect you.</p>