

## **General Staff Handbook**



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## What Does Every Show Need?

• The Station's **LEGAL ID** (WCUR, West Chester) at the <u>top</u> of every hour.

• The Weather once every hour

• A **PSA** from the binder once every hour

• A local/campus event each show

### **<u>Reminders</u>** for each show:

• No inappropriate language, or content.

• Be <u>extra sure</u> of what you are putting on air; some songs do not display the "explicit" symbol, even when there is swearing.

- No politics, religion, or controversial topics.
- Fill out the TRANSMITTER LOG once every show
  - LOG YOUR SONGS on WCUR.org.
- No food or drinks allowed in the on air room at any time.
  - No Dumb or Dead Air

### **Logging Songs**

 On WCUR.org, scroll to the very bottom of the website and click "DJ LOGIN"

Username:	wcurdj
Password:	wcurdi

 Once you're logged in, at the top right of the page, click "new" and "schedules"

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	Schedules	

- Find your show from the list of WCUR shows
- Click the "add playlist" button
- Add the song titles and artist names of each song you play on your show.
- Set the date of your show under the "program date" drop down calendar.
- If you use a spotify playlist, add the link of the playlist in the "link" field.
- Finally, click the "update" button to publish your songs to the website.







# Who do I contact if.....

I have to miss my show? programmingwcur@gmail.com

> General issues/concerns: wcur.gm@gmail.com

Scheduling conflict: programmingwcur@gmail.com

Podcasting questions: wcurfmproduction@gmail.com

Website questions: wcurtraining@gmail.com

## **Station EMERGENCY:**

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# Troubleshooting

### "I am playing music, but I cannot hear it"

- Make sure the "MAC" fader is up and on
- Check the DJ mixer, and make sure the volume faders are up on both tracks.
- Check if the volume is all the way up on the monitor
- Force quit all applications you are not using. (option+command+esc).
- If using DJPro, click "preferences" in the menu bar at the top left of the screen. Double check the input settings

### "I hear multiple songs playing at once"

- Force quit all applications you are not using. (option+command+esc).
- Check the source of the songs by clicking the play button in the menu bar at the top right of the screen

### "My music sounds sped up/slowed down/ has effects"

- Put all knobs, faders, and buttons on the DJ mixer back to their neutral settings.
- Close and Reopen the DJPro Application

### "I am hearing feedback / a high pitched frequency"

- Turn down all headphone volume
- Fade down all microphone pots

# Auto 🔶 Air

### On the board:

Turn the AUTO fader up, and press the ON button

#### On the tower:

Press **AIR** button (now, the board is controlling the station)

The **MAC** fader controls audio coming from the computer. The **HOST** fader controls your microphone **Microphones** 1-3 are placed backwards. From left to right, they're placed 3, 2, 1.



### On the board

Turn AUTO fader **on** and **up**. At the **Same time**, turn **down** the fader where your music or voice is coming from.

### On the tower

Press **AUTO** (Now, the automation computer is controlling the station)

## Policies

### Dead Air

Dead air is defined by the FCC as 5 or more seconds of no broadcast from a normally active transmitter. Therefore, we have Automation to run the airwaves when no DJ is present

### Dumb Air

WCUR defines dumb air as a host or guests speaking aimlessly with no rhyme or reason, generally due to the lack of preparation. Nobody wants to listen to it, so please take a little time to pre for your show.

### <u>Contests</u>

WCUR **highly discourages** contests on air. If you want to hold a contest, you must be <u>absolutely sure</u> the prise <u>can and will</u> make it into the winner's hands. The prize <u>cannot require purchase</u> of any kind by the contestant and cannot be won by family of the host or WCUR general/executive staff. WCUR is not responsible for failed contests.

### **Religious / Political Topics**

**Under no circumstances** do we discuss religious or political topics of any kind on air. Period, end of story.

### Personal Attacks

Personal attacks are a verbal attack on the character of another person. If you commit a personal attack, you are required by the FCC and WCUR to (A) offer a transcript recording of what was said, (B) the date, time of attack and legal ID (C) a reasonable opportunity for the offended party to respond. Please always be mindful of your words on air, as they have consequences. Also note, the station is recorded 24/7, and Executive staff has access to those recordings.

### Explicit Speech / Music

If you have to ask yourself "is this word FCC clean?" the answer is probably **NO!** No curse words, derogatory or inappropriate language. Keep topics appropriate, and fairly innocent. Remember that WCUR follows FCC rules and regulations, and that WCUR is also a representation of the University.

### **The Board & Station Equipment**



This is the board in the WCUR station. When turned **on**, each pot (fader) controls the volume of the labeled input.

Microphones: The Host Mic is for the person controlling the board. Mic 1, 2, and 3 are for your guests. There is no microphone currently connected to Mic4. Note: When sitting in the host chair, the guest microphones are in backwards order; 3,2,1 from left to right.

Mac 1: The Mac 1 pot is everything coming from the computer/monitor that is in the on-air room. This computer has access to **Spotify, Apple Music, Tidal, DJPro, Youtube, and more!** 

Note: DJPro software is connected to the DJ Mixing board to the right of the board and tower.

Auto: The Auto pot is connected to "The Mac," which is constantly playing a collection of scheduled music, liners, and PSAs that play when no one is on air.

**Phone Calls:** The **Tel** pot is directly connected to the phone that is in the on-air room. When someone calls in, the phone light will flash. DJ's must screen the caller if they wish to go on air. When the **tel** pot is turned on and up, the call will directly transfer to being live on-air.



This is The Tower. Here is where you transition from automation to being live on air. Note: Switching to "Air" essentially turns the board on, so make sure there is something playing through the board before you go on-air.



On the tower, make sure sound levels are in the green lights, *slightly* touching the red.

On the **sound board**, volume levels should be fully in green, *slightly* touching yellow



**Volume Knobs:** The **speaker volume** controls the large speakers located in the on-air room. **Headphone volume** controls the host DJ's headphones. **Cue volume** controls the volume of any cued audio.



**Guest Controls:** All guest microphones have these controls corresponding to their mic and headphones.

The volume knob on the top left controls the connecting set of headphones. *This knob is highly sensitive and may cause feedback if it is too loud.* On and Off Buttons: these buttons toggle the guest mic on and off, BUT the host DJ's controls override these buttons.

The **cough** button is a temporary mute button. If a guest needs to briefly mute, they can press and hold "cough", and then release when they are ready to talk again.