

Rules for Use of ECE Laboratories

1. Labs are maintained for use not only by you but also by others. Do not treat equipment as your personal property. It is a resource made available for specific purposes. Whether for class work or for research, be sure that your use of equipment does not diminish its value to others.
2. Some labs are equipped with combination locks to allow authorized people to use those facilities at their convenience. If you are such an authorized person in one or more of these labs, treat that access as a privilege, not a right. Do not disclose the combination to unauthorized persons. Only authorized lab users should enter such rooms. Labs are crowded enough ... don't bring your friends. Labs are places to work and learn, not to socialize.
3. The equipment on lab benches is organized into lab "stations," where each station is properly configured to support the class(es) using that room. Do not reconfigure the lab stations by moving instruments from one station to another, or by taking an instrument from a lab station for use elsewhere. Doing so makes life difficult for the next user of that lab station. If additional equipment is needed for a particular experiment, see your lab TA or research advisor and s/he will either find it for you or show you how to work around its absence. Some lab equipment is marked on the handle or line cord with colored tape to indicate its intended use as follows:

BLUE - committed to MWAH 41

GREEN - committed to MWAH 293

RED - committed to MWAH 377

BROWN - committed to MWAH 391

YELLOW - committed to MWAH 393

Some spare instruments are stored in cabinets in the above lab rooms for temporary use within that lab when additional equipment is required. For long-term needs, such as senior project use, please check out instruments from Marvin. Such instruments will be your responsibility until you personally check them back in to Marvin.

4. Be observant and security-minded. You could buy a nice house with the equipment in many of our labs. If you see someone engaged in questionable activities please call 911 from the public telephone in the ground-floor hall of MWAH and report it. False alarms are better than suffering a loss that might seriously impair your educational opportunities.