If your audio slider in the finder grays out and you find that you no longer have control over the core audio then:

- Launch Audio MIDI Setup in the Dock or it can be found in the Applications Folder → Utilities
- Select “Built-in Audio” for the “Default Output” (You may set the “Default Input” and “Properties For” both to “Default Input”)
- Make certain that Clock source is set to “Internal”
- The format should read “48KHz”