The goal of the Faculty Technology Development Center (FTDC) is to offer the training, assistance, and technical support required to enhance faculty use of technology in classrooms, laboratories, and online applications such as Blackboard. FTDC offers a wide variety of Macintosh and Windows-based computers, an extensive collection of creative software applications, and peripherals that include multiple scanners, CD/DVD duplicators, and assistance for creating and editing digital video and DVDs.

Blackboard

The FTDC is responsible for the administration of the campus Blackboard server. Blackboard, a course management system, provides an easy way for instructors to place materials online. Workshops are offered throughout the year and one-on-one training is provided as needed.

If you need assistance with any aspect of Blackboard, consult the Blackboard Help Pages (olemiss.edu/blackboard) or contact blackboard@olemiss.edu.

Clickers

Clickers are wireless keypads or personal response systems that faculty can use to increase interactivity in the classroom, especially with a large lecture class. This technology provides instant feedback to both instructors and students.

Turning Technologies ResponseCard NXT Clicker is the officially supported personal response system, "clicker", on campus. (ISBN: 9781934931455)

A loaner-kit is available for check-out. For more information, visit olemiss.edu/clickers.

Training

FTDC offers faculty and staff workshops emphasizing the development of classroom media presentations and other instructional technologies.

Faculty Technology Enhancement Week - A week-long series of workshops offered at the beginning of Fall Semester. Registration is offered through the FTDC Web site.

IT Training - There are various seminars offered quarterly by Information Technology (IT). See ittraining.olemiss.edu.

Other sessions are offered periodically in addition to those mentioned above. Special sessions for departments or one-on-one training may be arranged by contacting FTDC.

iTunesU

University faculty and staff can utilize this free system to manage a broad range of audio and video content, which is available for students, faculty, and staff, with optional public access. Instructors can create a secure course space in iTunesU through their Blackboard course.

For more information, visit olemiss.edu/itunesu.

Test Scanning

Test scanning equipment is available for use and is located in IT Student Lab in Weir Hall. This scanner may be used for test scoring, surveys, Myers Briggs assessments, etc.

For more information, visit olemiss.edu/ftdc/testscanning.html.

TACIT

Funded by the Provost Office and facilitated by IT, this program is designed to replace a faculty member’s outdated computer; giving more immediate access to--and ready capacity to create--technology resources.

Visit olemiss.edu/tacit/.

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Faculty Technology Development Center
The University of Mississippi - Information Technology
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Lab Reservations

There are three teaching labs in Weir Hall. Each lab is available for reservation for class projects, presentations, and training sessions.

Weir 107, Windows PC Teaching Lab, 18-seat
Weir 104, Mac Teaching Lab, 12-seat
Weir 115, Conference/Study Room, 5-seat.

The online reservation form is available at olemiss.edu/ftdc/teachinglab.html.

Software for Departmental Purchase

Licenses for Microsoft Office, Adobe/Macromedia software, and Symantec AntiVirus are available at the FTDC. These licenses may be purchased for installation on any university-owned computer. To purchase any of these software titles, you will need to have a departmental account number and the property control number of the computer on which the software will be installed. Enter this information in the software request form (olemiss.edu/software) and then visit the FTDC to check out the installation media. E-mail software@olemiss.edu with any questions.

UM Box

UM Box offers 10 GB of cloud storage for students, faculty and staff. Using your Box account with Box Sync, documents and files on your computer can be automatically backed up to Box as you make changes.

Visit olemiss.box.com/.

Vault for UM Mail

Symantec Enterprise Vault (Vault) is a content archiving system that moves emails and their attachments from UM Mail (Exchange) to an online storage area hosted by IT. Emails stored in the Vault can still be accessed (i.e., read, search, delete) from your existing email client. Vault provides faculty and staff using UM Mail (Exchange) with an additional 5GB of storage space. When you are ready, contact the IT Helpdesk (helpdesk@olemiss.edu) so we can enable Vault for your account.

myOleMiss

The University’s myOleMiss portal has many applications and features used by faculty throughout the year. These include:

- Course Materials Management
- Class Rolls and Photo Rosters
- Grades Submission
- Course Synchronization with Blackboard
- Payroll Information
- Advisee Information

See my.olemiss.edu.

IT Media

IT Media provides UM faculty and staff with convenient access to current and well functioning multimedia equipment for use in professional endeavors. Free on-campus delivery and setup is provided for a wide variety of equipment.

To reserve equipment or for more information, visit olemiss.edu/itmedia.

UM Gmail

As a part of the Google Apps for Education offering, faculty and staff may request a UM Gmail account. Instead of a replacement, this will be an additional account for UM Gmail and other Google apps, leaving the UM Mail (Exchange) account to be used for official UM correspondence. UM Gmail accounts are being made available to employees so that they can use Google Apps for Education in their roles as instructors and students. Visit go.olemiss.edu to learn how to sign up for UM Gmail and other Google Apps.

UMCT

Classroom Technology (UMCT) is administered by the Office of Information Technology with funding from the Provost's Office to enhance the campus infrastructure with equipment such as multimedia lecterns, LCD projectors, and projection screens.

A Rapid Response team provides UMCT users with speedy assistance should they encounter problems with technology in enhanced classrooms. Call 662-915-5222 option 9.

For information on training, the classrooms, or other assistance, visit olemiss.edu/umct.