
ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

CENTER FOR ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Center for Adaptive Technology (CAT) helps students with disabilities learn to use assistive technology. The CAT, located in Engleman Hall B17 assesses students' technology needs and provides training on the use of adaptive hardware and software. Students may then use this technology at the CAT or other locations on campus. They may also borrow certain items on a short-term basis, such as an AlphaSmart Notetaker, ReadingPen or a portable CCTV. The CAT arranges for technology-based accommodations, both in and out of the classroom, including alternate text formats.

The CAT has fifteen workstations, both Macintosh and Windows-based, and a variety of computer adaptive technology, including mouse and keyboard alternatives, screen magnification and speech output software. Also available are scan-and-read systems, graphic outliners, word-prediction and other tools to assist students with difficulties with spelling, reading and writing. The CAT is open Monday through Friday, and students may stop in to make an appointment for an assessment and/or training. Please call (203) 392-5799 for more information.

COMPUTER LABS AND BULEY LIBRARY

To improve campus-wide technology access, adaptive technology has been installed in several locations on campus. The PC lab in the Adanti Student Center, Jennings 130 and the Macintosh labs in Buley 309 and 314 have stations with adjustable height tables, large monitors, large-print key labels and various adaptive software programs.

The Student Technology Resource Center located in the basement of Schwartz Hall is the newest addition to the computer network. Helpful staff members are on hand to answer your questions. Screen magnification, screen readers and an adjustable table are available in this lab.

Buley Library houses three Kurzweil scan-and-read systems and four CCTVs (closed-circuit TVs) for magnifying printed material. There is a Liberty Plus portable CCTV with a hand-held camera that can be borrowed from the circulation desk for use within the Library. To learn how to use this equipment, students should contact the CAT.

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND AUXILIARY AIDS IN THE DRC

In addition to the computers in the DRC Testing Center, some of which are equipped with a range of assistive technology, as well as other adaptations that can be located upon student request, below is a list of additional auxiliary aids available for loan. Students need to complete a short-term loan agreement each semester for any of the following:

- Portable assistive listening devices
- Manual wheelchairs
- Courtesy scooters
- Talking calculators for in-office exams
- CCTV screen magnification on moveable table