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Adding technology to your course can bring benefits in student engagement, time saving, deeper interactions, and accommodation for additional learning styles. As you decide which types of instructional technologies to include in your course, it is important to ask yourself how that technology enhances and supports student achievement of the course learning outcomes.

The following is a list of technologies supported at OCAD U. Instructors may use other tools than those listed below, but IT can only support students and instructors with these listed tools. The tools below have also undergone assessment of meeting AOFA and FIPPA legislations.

Learning Management System (Canvas)

Canvas is our online learning management system at OCAD U. Canvas allows you to post course outlines, assignments, engage in discussions, and create an engaging learning environment for students.   All course grades are submitted through Canvas.

Find Support:
→ Online: The Canvas Knowledgebase can be found at https://support-its.ocadu.ca/index.php?/Knowledgebase/List/Index/67
→ On campus:
1. I have a technical problem with Canvas
   o Contact IT Help at 416.977.6000 x277 or ithelp@ocadu.ca
   o Still stuck? Email Christopher Bennell, Technician, IT Services: (cbennell@faculty.ocadu.ca).
2. I have questions about the best way to set up my course
   o For help with course design, structuring activities and assignments, assessing learning, and strategies for teaching and learning, get in touch with an educational developer in the Faculty & Curriculum Development Centre: (FCDC@ocadu.ca).
3. I have questions about embedded course content, copyright or intellectual property
   o For help embedding Course Reserves e-resources into your course, visit http://www.ocadu.ca/library/about/course-reserves.htm or contact Lindsay Gibb, E-Reserves & Learning Zone Technician: (lgibb@ocadu.ca), and for other copyright and licensing questions visit http://www.ocadu.ca/library/for-faculty/copyright-for-faculty.htm or contact Alex Homanchuk Daniel Payne, Head of E-Resources & E-Learning: (ahomanchuk@ocadu.ca).

Podcast (Techsmith Relay)

A podcast is a type of digital media (usually audio or video) downloaded through the web or streamed online to a computer or mobile device. Sometime this is also called lecture capture.

Currently, Techsmith Relay is used to record lectures at OCAD U. It is already installed on the lecterns found in the larger lecture halls, and is also installed on the laptops available for loan at our help desks. Once a lecture is recorded, you can embed it directly into a Canvas module. Only members of a course are able to see the content that is posted.

Find Support:
→ Online: To view tutorials about the recording process, visit TechSmith
https://www.techsmith.com/tutorial-techsmith-relay-making-first-recording.html
→ Online: To add a recorded video to a Canvas course, follow these instructions:
https://support-its.ocadu.ca/index.php?/Knowledgebase/Article/View/1915/49/add-techsmith-media-directly-to-a-module
→ On campus: Receive a demo by contacting Matt Dunn, Technician, Academic Computing: mdunn@ocadu.ca

Web Conferencing (Adobe Connect)

Adobe Connect is a web conferencing solution that allows you to teach, learn, and collaborate from any distance, at any time. In the virtual classroom, OCAD U faculty can use Adobe Connect to deliver immersive synchronous learning experiences for students by sharing documents, holding meetings, and completing activities online in real-time.

Find Support:
→ Online: To view tutorials about how to use Adobe Connect, visit Adobe TV:
http://tv.adobe.com/product/connect-8/
→ On campus: For more information, contact the IT Help Desk:
http://www.ocadu.ca/services/it/support.htm

Blogs & Wikis

Blogs allow an individual or group of users to regularly record their opinions, and post photos or other information. Wikis, on the other hand, are a tool used to collaborate with others to create and edit web pages. All OCAD U faculty and students have access to their own OCAD U hosted Wordpress blog: (http://blog.ocad.ca). IT Services maintains a MediaWiki server for academic and administrative use: (https://wikis.ocad.ca/).

Find Support:
→ On campus: Darren Smith, Technician, IT Services: dsmith@faculty.ocadu.ca

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