Instructional & Information Technology Services

Academic Program Support Overview

The Mission of the Department of Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) is:

- To provide a stable, varied and fully featured computing and telecommunications environment;
- To provide professional, timely responses to requests from students, faculty, and staff;
- To serve as the technological guides for the campus community and proactively advance the state of computing by:
  - assisting faculty in creatively applying technology to improve instruction and research;
  - providing technology to students in an environment conducive to learning and
  - supporting the full breadth of business functions at CSUSM and aggressively promoting the
    application of modern techniques to enhance these applications;
- To include in all policies, procedures, plans, employment decisions and program and personnel
  evaluations the goals and responsibilities of members of the CSUSM community as defined in the
  Mission Statement;
- To serve as a liaison to the external communities of CSUSM, providing coordination and assistance
  to the Chancellor's Office, sister CSU campuses, and the local educational community;
- and To support and promote CSUSM efforts to obtain external grant funding, business partnerships
  and other development opportunities

Instructional Computer Labs

![Student Lab Computers](image)

Academic Technology Services maintains sixteen PC and four Macintosh computer
labs which may be scheduled for classroom
instruction. These labs are typically
available to students during those times
they are not scheduled for classes or
special sessions. Academic Technology
Services also supports special-purpose
computer labs in SSS/EOP, the career
center, and in the math and writing tutoring
centers.

The labs are maintained on a three year
refresh cycle in order to provide
compatibility within the campus technology
environment. Computers are configured with a standard image, and all Windows computers use a
single sign-on system that provides students with access to a home drive where they can store their
coursework.

The standard image is consists of the Microsoft Office suite, along with other typical instructional
software such as SPSS, Minitab, application development and multimedia development software.
Most Instructional Computer Labs are composed of thirty student stations and a single instructor station. In addition each of these rooms has a “smartclassroom” system for displaying information from the instructor station, or other multimedia material.

Complete information about the configuration of the Instructional Computer Labs can be found online at http://www.csusm.edu/computer_labs.

**Open Computer Labs**

Academic Technology Services maintains three Open Computer Labs in which no classes are scheduled. The Kellogg Library Open Computer lab holds 80 seats and includes an area for multimedia development. Academic Hall Room 202 and consists of 108 PC and 4 Macintosh computers, and Academic Hall 211 is configured as a collaborative computing environment where students can work together on group projects such as presentations and reports. This Open Computer Lab has been configured with a typical campus “smartclassroom” system and a timer clock so that students can practice their presentations.

**Classroom Equipment**

All classrooms which can seat 25 persons or more are now equipped with smart systems. System features:

1. Data projector and projection screen which can display VHS or DVD video, computer or laptop desktop.
2. Keyboard and mouse are on a height-adjustable shelf to accommodate different users’ needs.
3. Laptop connection cables are located in a metal box with hinged lid.
4. Instructor’s station - a Windows or Macintosh workstation loaded with the standard lab image software.
5. Amplified audio with two speakers in front of room.
6. Control system with push buttons or on-screen control to allow source selection.
7. Remote control for VHS/DVD player.

Smart classroom systems continue to be redesigned and improved, both for cost reduction, ease of use, and maintainability. The latest systems are generally acknowledged to be very easy to use and have significantly reduced trouble calls to classrooms. To see a current system up close go to:


Typical instructor’s station

California State University
csu Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Norbridge, Pomona, Isco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus
The CTS website allows customers to get information about classrooms, including panoramic views from both instructor and student points of view. This is especially helpful for instructors teaching in new rooms, visitors to campus, and adjunct lecturers who are not familiar with the campus. For more information go to: www.csuem.edu/cts/.

An Online Equipment Reservation System allows users to request a variety of media equipment using a web browser, including camcorders, digital cameras, laptop computers, and others.

**Student Support**

Students are provided with an email account when they register for classes. They can pick up their password in the Open Computer Lab, Academic Hall 202. Students may take advantage of free dialup access to the campus network. The campus provides 40 dialup connections for students use.

Students can register for courses, check the schedule, request transcripts and perform other typical tasks via an online web interface. In addition, they may use the “public” web server to create a homepage.

The Student Technology Help Desk is located on the second floor of the Kellogg Library. Here the university has been able to offer one-stop service to meet the various technology needs of its students. The Help Desk supports on-campus computing, remote access, and applications support, and provides residential computing and equipment checkout services, including 30 wireless laptop computers for use in the Kellogg Library Building.

**Faculty Support**

Faculty members receive a standard computer complement which consists of a desktop or laptop computer. These computers are on a three year refresh cycle and are delivered with standard desktop complement software.

**Dell Computer Configurations for 2003/2004:**

**Desktop**

- OptiPlex GX270 Small MiniTower
- Pentium® 4 Processor 3.00GHz, 800FSB, 512K Cache, Intel Gigabit NIC
- 1.0GB DDR Non-ECC SDRAM, 333MHz
- 64MB, nVidia, GeForce 4MX, DVI w/VGA adapter
- 40GB IDE 7200 RPM Hard Drive
- 48X CD and DVD-CDRW Combo, with Roxio Easy CD Creator® and DVD decode
- Dell UltraSharp 1500FP (18" Flat Panel!)
- Dell Keyboard and USB Optical Mouse
- Speakers
Laptop/Docking System (Faculty only or staff with Administrative approval)

- Latitude D600
- Pentium® M Processor 1.70GHz with 14.1 in SXGA+ Display
- 512MB, 2 DIMMS, DDR SDRAM
- Dell 17 inch 1703PP Flat Panel Display
- 40GB, 9.5MM, 5400RPM Hard Drive
- Internal 10/100 Ethernet and Internal 56K Modem
- 8-24-24X SWDVD/CDRW Combo Drive
- Intel® PRO/Wireless 2100 WLAN (802.11b, 11Mbps) miniPCI Card
- Deluxe Nylon Carrying Case

Apple Computer Configurations for 2003/2004:

Desktop

- Power Mac G5 1.8 GHz
- 512MB DDR333 SDRAM (PC2700) - 2x256
- 80GB Serial ATA - 7200rpm
- nVidia GeForce FX 5200 Ultra Graphics
- Apple Studio Display (17" Flat Panel)
- SuperDrive (DVD-R/CD-RW)
- Apple Keyboard & Apple Mouse
- Speakers
- APP for Power Mac w/o Display - Auto Enroll

Laptop

- PowerBook 1.25 GHz
- 512MB DDR333 SDRAM - 2x256 SO-DIMMs
- 60GB Ultra ATA drive @ 4200 rpm
- SuperDrive (DVD-R/CD-RW)
- Apple Wireless NIC
- 15.2-inch TFT Display
- Professional 15 Shoulder Case by Brenthaven
- APP for PowerBook with Display - Auto Enroll
### Desktop Complement Software

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### Online Course Support

IITS provides support for faculty who wish to include online material in their course or teach a course completely online. Faculty may use Microsoft Frontpage or the WebCT Course Management System to host their course material. We provide online support for instructors and students with the online courses index (http://courses.csusm.edu/), a web page that serves as a central location for all things related to online courses. This includes a comprehensive and up-to-date list of online courses so that users are only one click away from their courses, online course help form to allow users to get help quickly, teaching with Online Components Application so that instructors can solicit help with getting materials online and information about online courses offered in the coming semester.