Computer Resources

MSU places high priority on the use of information technology to enhance the educational experience, with a wide variety of technology resources available to students and faculty. Within departmental and campus-wide computing facilities, students have easy access to over 600 computers in collaborative workspaces and labs, equipped with all the software required for studies at MSU. Residence Life and Family & Graduate Housing have connected more than 2700 residence hall rooms and married-student housing units providing round-the-clock educational access to learning environments such as the Desire2Learn Learning Management System used for both online and campus courses.

Because email is a vital element of campus communication, all MSU students receive email accounts free of charge. An email account will remain active for as long as the student is registered at MSU so projects can be carried along from year to year. Students also can make use of Google Apps to collaborate with classmates on projects using word processing and spreadsheet functions.

Computer laboratories in residence halls, academic halls, and the Renne Library offer specialized and industry-standard software packages for technology-specific assignments, including Microsoft Office, Adobe products, AutoCAD, SAS, SPSS, and MCAD, among others.

Numerous classrooms are technology-enhanced with equipment to support instruction and collaborative learning. Two Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) Classrooms are designed for a new style of teaching that encourages students to learn collaboratively. Collaborative spaces with a flat screen and connections for laptops are also provided in public areas for impromptu study and work sessions. Additionally, technology is used by faculty in traditional classrooms for enhanced learning engagement.

An on-campus service desk for students is open six days per week and provides computer repairs, software installs, troubleshooting and computer services for resident students. Computer repair services for students are available on campus by Dell and Apple certified technicians, with friendly IT staff available to provide technical assistance and orient new students to the technology environment at MSU.