



Accessible Learning Services: Adaptive Technology Guidelines

Adaptive technology is any device or software that helps students access information and participate in learning activities.

An Adaptive Technologist is a member of the Accessible Learning Services (ALS) team with specialized knowledge in accessibility and technology. An Adaptive Technologist works alongside the Accessibility Consultant to support students by customizing technology or adapting material to a student's unique learning needs. The goal is to provide students with customization of tools, software or adapted material, so that they can be successful in their studies.

Adaptive technology can include hardware, such as keyboards, mice, switches, scanners, and braille displays, and software, such as screen readers, magnifiers, speech recognition, and text-to-speech. Adaptive technology can benefit students with various types of disabilities, such as visual, hearing, physical, and cognitive impairments and learning disabilities.

The Accessible Learning Services (ALS) team provides adaptive technology support to students who are registered with the service and have a documented need for accommodation. The ALS can assist students with the following:

- Assessing their adaptive technology needs and recommending appropriate solutions
- Providing training and technical support on how to use adaptive technology.
- Providing access to adaptive technology equipment and software on campus.
- Providing alternative formats of course materials, such as electronic text, audio, or braille.
- Liaising with instructors and other campus services to ensure accessibility of learning environments.

ALS Adaptive Technology Procedure

- Register with the ALS by completing an online intake form and submitting documentation of their disability.
- Meet with an Accessibility Consultant to discuss their accommodation needs and develop an individualized accommodation plan.
- Request an appointment with ALS Front Desk with an Adaptive Technologist.
- Follow the ALS policies and procedures regarding the use and maintenance of adaptive technology equipment and software.

The ALS adaptive technology services aim to enhance the academic success and independence of students with disabilities. The ALS encourages students to explore the options available and contact the ALS team for any questions or concerns.