

Ed Tech Mission Statement

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Technology is integral to the research and teaching mission of the University of Oregon (UO). The UO fosters and supports innovations in technology while simultaneously integrating innovation into the academic disciplines. Conceptualizing and implementing innovative educational technologies for the purpose of developing insights into the nature of learning, improving learning outcomes and providing greater accessibility to educational services by students and faculty is a priority. The virtual experiences manifested by these technologies should integrate seamlessly into the physical space of the UO. The UO is committed to serving the needs of resident students and addressing the growing demand for access to excellent and affordable higher education statewide, nationally and internationally, through outreach efforts compatible with the campus experience.

The UO's educational technology mission is achieved by:

- Promoting the effective use of technology to improve the learning outcomes of all UO students.
- Providing ubiquitous access to educational technology resources for our students and faculty.
- Utilizing appropriate educational technologies to increase access to the University's educational programs.
- Ensuring that courses, whatever their mode of engagement, meet or exceed the standards of academic quality and faculty oversight that are to be expected of a leading research university.
- Inculcating the nature of the current research practices among our students by using appropriate technologies to increase interaction between our research faculty and our students as early as possible in our students' academic careers at the University.
- Enhancing the effective use of physical space on the University campuses by introducing innovative technologies in classrooms and other shared spaces and by creatively integrating our students' actual and virtual experience of others into their learning experience.
- Encouraging curricular innovation and improvement among the faculty by providing professional quality technical and educational programming support and an effective, University wide, client-based, project management system.
- Encouraging faculty buy in and participation in curricular innovation by advocating for establishing appropriate incentives including release time, stipends, workshops, and consideration in promotion and tenure.
- Extending the UO's reach beyond the campus environment, by developing a robust quality curriculum of online courses, focusing on the university's disciplinary and interdisciplinary strengths.