# Technology at Canisius College

This site provides more information about the tools and services offered to stakeholders at Canisius College.

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<td>Learning management system.</td>
<td>Course shells and virtual academic activities: discussions, dropboxes, quizzes and tests.</td>
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<td><strong>Network Drives</strong></td>
<td>Virtual storage hosted by the college.</td>
<td>Desktop capable cloud storage for faculty and staff. Legacy cloud storage option for students.</td>
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<td><strong>Google Apps</strong></td>
<td>A suite of productivity applications; Drive, Gmail (students), YouTube.</td>
<td>Desktop and mobile-capable Cloud storage and collaboration. Basic online office suite, surveys and forms. Gmail is the official college email for students.</td>
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<td><strong>Qualtrics</strong></td>
<td>Survey platform.</td>
<td>Online surveys and forms. Advanced features for surveying and data reporting or export.</td>
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<td><strong>GoToMeeting</strong></td>
<td>Web conferencing systems.</td>
<td>Conduct synchronous Web conferences with members of the college or outside the college. Good, also, for live-streaming events.</td>
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<td>Interactive lesson builder.</td>
<td>Create interactive lessons that can be places in the learning management on the Web.</td>
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Blogging platform.

**What is it:** Regularly updated content and news. Blogs will aggregate. Use Mailchimp to automatically email the blog feed in a newsletter.

**How to use it:**

**More information:** Blogs@Canisius

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A suite of products for colleges; Compliance Assist, Course Evaluations, and Collegiate Link.

**What is it:**

**How to use them:** Planning and accreditation, course evaluations, student clubs.

**More information:**

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Guides

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More about ITS

Information Technology Services Department (ITS) at Canisius College provides all computer, media, network, and telephone resources at Canisius. ITS staff members work hard to supply Canisius College users with the best in digital tools, resources, and options available for learning, teaching, research, and administrative work.

The groups within ITS include, User Services, Administrative Computing (Programmer and Analysts), Infrastructure & Telephony, Media Center, and Network Engineering and Security. While no longer officially part of ITS, the FacTS (Faculty Technology Services) Center works closely with ITS to provide instruction, teaching, and learning technology support for students, faculty and staff. (See The FacTS Center site for more information)

**FacTS Center: Support for Teaching and Learning:**

The FacTS Center (Faculty Technology Services) was established to make academic technology services more accessible to full and part-time faculty. It provides instructional design and support for on-campus, blended, hybrid and online courses. The FacTS Center staff is happy to help faculty with events and services such as:

- Consultation in the effective use of technology tools for classroom and online use
- Instruction in using our learning management software - Desire2Learn
- Instruction in using GotoMeeting
- Instruction in using SoftChalk
- Support for use of Instructional Technology Classrooms (ITCs)
- Support in the use of productivity software (such as Word Processing or Spreadsheets)
- Seminars/workshops in academic technology
- Assistance with multimedia teaching materials
- Training for effective use of laptops and instructional tools
- Support for scholarly applications, including online survey and bibliographic management tools.

**Academic Computing Advisory Committee**

Academic Computing Advisory Committee invites participation from every academic department along with administrators from Information Technology Services and the FaCTS Center. Participants discuss campus technology issues, explore software applications, and investigate new technology initiatives.

**Help and Assistance**

- Help Desk Documentation
- Frequently Asked Questions
Policies

Acceptable Use of Computer and Network Systems by Employees
Acceptable Use of Computer and Network Systems by Students
Privacy Guidelines
Other ITS Policies

Strategic Plan

Library and Information Services Long Range Plan, May 2012
Strategic Plan Updates