

MALONE CENTER

INNOVATIVE TEACHING, LEARNING, & TECHNOLOGY

Montevallo's New Center for the Advancement of Innovative Teaching & Learning

This summer, the University of Montevallo officially opened the doors to a high-tech academic center intended to foster and support advancements in teaching and learning in higher education. Made possible by consolidating resources from the College of Education, the Malone Curriculum Center, and two state-funded grants; the new *Malone Center for Innovative Teaching, Learning, and Technology* offers a wide range of resources and services to support and guide UM faculty and students in efforts to continually improve teaching and learning experiences.



Videoconferencing Classroom offers opportunities for global communication and collaboration.

Through the Malone Center, UM faculty, staff, and students have access to 2 computer labs, 7 multimedia classrooms, 2 state-of-the-art videoconferencing facilities, and other high-tech learning spaces. Additionally, the Malone Center offers support for using these facilities and provides a wide range of training opportunities to enhance technology-supported instructional methods.

One of the more prominent features of the Center is its Digital Café, a leading-edge learning space that includes easily rearranged furniture, a laptop bar (to support student laptop use), small-group work areas (with 32" LCD monitors and laptop ports), mobile whiteboards, a 55" LCD monitor for large-group multimedia presentations, a pod-cast theater for recording and archiving video pod casts, and an open

student lounge. In addition to serving as a more traditional classroom when necessary, this flexible facility is primarily intended to serve as an "incubator" space to promote experimental, non-traditional, and highly innovative models for teaching and learning.

Based on the steady proliferation of new instructional delivery methods such as videoconferencing, distance education, and online learning systems; many of the services of the Malone Center have become increasingly essential to meet the needs associated with the rapidly evolving scope of technology-enhanced teaching and learning on today's college campus. The new *Malone Center for Innovative Teaching, Learning, and Technology* serves to highlight the University of Montevallo's ongoing commitment to exemplary teaching and learning in higher education.



Open-learning space design allows students to study, relax, and socialize in new **Digital Café**.

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