

Student Learning Experience @ UTAS

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Abstract:

UTAS is committed to continuous improvement regarding the student learning experience, as stated in the UTAS Plan 2005-2007, "To provide an inclusive teaching and learning environment that values diversity, supports the pursuit of academic excellence and produces high quality education and employment results for all students and staff."

To that end, IT Resources, the Library and the Centre for the Advancement of Learning & Teaching (CALT) collaborated on a number of initiatives and projects to deliver on this strategy:

Learning Hubs

UTAS has recently expended nearly \$2m on new learning spaces across the Hobart and Launceston campuses. These award-winning hubs provide colourful, contemporary spaces for students to meet and study. They provide comfortable seating, group study rooms, access to computing resources, dedicated email kiosks, and wired/wireless network connections for personal laptop computers. Students are also close to Service Desk help and the Library's print collections.

UConnect

UConnect is the brand name for set of resources that enables students to connect to learning resources and course materials on and off campus. It includes the following:

- Software and utilities to assist students with access to course resources available online for download or on CD/DVD media;
- Self help guides to get students started with essential Library, ICT and campus resources (WebCT Vista, Library resources, UANA, iLecture, etc).

University Authenticated Network Access (UANA)

UANA is the University's authenticated wired/wireless network, for non-University owned computers/devices, which is available to any staff or student with a valid UTAS username and password. UANA allows students to connect to the University network in a safe and secure manner without being tied to a desk.

iLecture

The iLecture system at UTAS provides automated audio capture of lectures (video planned), in selected lecture theatres, and delivery of these recordings via the Internet (or WebCT Vista) for students.