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Learning Studio



The **AT&T Learning Studio** at Abilene Christian University is a state-of-the-art studio exploring the way we live, learn and communicate in a digital world. Innovation has always been a deeply human question, and our partners are committed to developing the skills of creativity and collaboration essential to careers in the 21st century.

create

The Learning Studio provides students and faculty a space to develop new ideas, approaches or solutions and share them with a global audience.

collaborate

The Learning Studio is itself a cross-disciplinary collaboration to produce spaces that spark the intense discussion, understanding and consensus essential to meaningful communication.

explore

The Learning Studio works with students, faculty, and future teachers to harness the power of mobile media in K-12 and post-secondary education.



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Learning Innovation at ACU

Students at Abilene Christian University already see digital competency as central to their futures. In a survey of ACU undergraduates conducted by the Ad/PR Campaigns class in Fall 2010, students were asked, “Would you say building confidence with technology is important to your education?” Of 598 respondents, 86 percent agreed, while more than half strongly agreed.

Since 2002, the U.S. Department of Education and educators in both K-12 and higher ed have emphasized technological proficiency or literacy in education. Yet, advocacy groups such as the International Society for Technology in Education and the Partnership for 21st Century Skills insist that the skills essential to our success in the global economy include creativity that inspires innovation, and digital as well as interpersonal communication.

AT&T’s pioneering gift supports three related approaches to teaching and learning innovation at ACU. The **Learning Studio** provides a laboratory for experiments in mobility and media across the university curriculum. Mobility and media specialists will work with students and faculty to impact learning through podcast studio production as well as mobile media creation in the field.

Specialists from the Learning Studio also will work closely with the university’s **K-12 Digital Learning Institute** and **Mobile Learning Research Fellows** to share proven strategies with K-12 teachers and study their effectiveness. When the K-12 Institute brings its first cohort of innovative teachers to Abilene in 2011, we will work to build their confidence with mobile media strategies appropriate to their grade level. We also will continue to partner with research fellows on innovative practices such as augmented reality and the future of the book.

At ACU, a university recognized as a world leader for its study and practice of mobile learning, and for its campus-wide commitment to innovation, the Learning Studio is a logical next step to preparing students to make a real difference in the world.



Location

The Learning Studio is on the third (top) floor of Brown Library on the campus of Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.

Hours

The Learning Studio is open any time Brown Library is open. Media Lab and Speaking Center staff are available during posted hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Noon to 9 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday Noon to 5 p.m.
Sunday 7 to 10 p.m.

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