

Project:

Upgrade of Speech Labs

Department of Mass Communications

Located in Humanities 212 and Pafford 212, the Speech Labs are equipped with wall-mounted cameras to allow for easy recording of student speeches. Thus, students have the opportunity to review and to improve upon their performance on each speech, an integral step in the learning process. Although the recording equipment will be upgraded next year, much of the audiovisual equipment will remain dated, limiting opportunities for both faculty and students. As a result, faculty have begun exploring ways of updating the technology, through smart boards and interactive LCD touchscreen monitors. Such technology will allow speakers to use PowerPoint and other multimedia presentations without the limitations imposed by ceiling-mounted systems. Students and faculty will be free to move about, without interfering with the projection of their visual aids. Information written on smart boards can be captured to various file types (including Microsoft PowerPoint and Word), and the systems allow for a high degree of interactivity. Smart boards and interactive monitors are now common in public schools, businesses, and other organizations, making it important that UWG students have the opportunity to learn such technology.

Needs:

- Sony FWD-S47H1TOUCH 47" Interactive LCD Touchscreen Monitor: \$4,500 each (\$9,000 for the two labs)