Choose a Service for Video and Web Conferencing

Whether it's a meeting, office hours, or an interview, video conferencing can help you connect without the travel costs. Several options are available at Brown.

Quick Links

- [Zoom login](#)
- [Video Conferencing Request Form](#) for campus spaces

Zoom

More info: [Zoom Web Conferencing](#)

Description: Web-based conferencing software

- Great if you want to:
  - Lead a more formal presentation session
  - Allow attendees to connect without having to create accounts or do a complicated installation
  - Do extensive, detailed, full-screen screen sharing
  - Record your session

Google+

More info: [Google Hangouts](#)

Description: Web-based video chat with up to 15 people, including extra features

- Great if you want to:
  - Meet with up to 15 people who have Gmail accounts (Brown, gmail.com, or other Google Apps domains)
  - Collaborate on Google Docs
  - Do basic screen sharing (not full screen)
  - Have meetings that are either scheduled (in a calendar event) or spontaneous
  - Have an informal and collaborative meeting

- Not a great option if you need to:
Meet with people who do not have Google accounts (you could call their phones, but not video chat)
Do extensive, detailed screen sharing
Connect with people who do not have Google accounts
Interact with several people in the same room, unless they all call in from one computer.

Polycom/Tandberg Video Conferencing

More info: Polycom/Tandberg Video Conferencing

- Great if you want to:
  - Meet with a group of people in a room with Polycom / Tandberg video conferencing equipment (list of rooms)
  - Take advantage of a higher resolution video broadcast, such as for a lab demonstration

- Not a good option if you need to:
  - Get participants up and running quickly remotely or with loaner computers - it’s a software that needs to be installed

Need More Help Deciding?

- Contact us for consultation about video conferencing, demonstrations, and basic training.

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