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.