

Google+

For College Students

Google+ is a great way to enjoy your social and work time online. We're talking new ways to **connect** with people (have you tried the "hangouts," group video chat, yet?); **organize** everything from parties and study groups to friend circles (how revolutionary – being able to **share** pics only to those you actually want to see them); and **keep up** with it all on your phone.

Millions of people around the world are using Google+. Maybe you should check it out too.

Okay. How do I sign up?

Go to www.google.com/+. See you there!

Whatever. I'm not convinced.

No problem. Let's take what in the tech business we call a "deep dive."

Hangouts



Hangouts let up to nine people hang out in a **video chat together**, for free, using the shared space for anything from study sessions or club meetings to just hanging out together watching a late-night movie. And basic Hangouts are just the beginning:

- Avoid test panic: post a public **Named Hangout** to see who's up and start an impromptu study session with people you can't just call up at 2 a.m.
- **Hangouts with extras** let you share your screen, notes and Google Docs
- Behold: **Hangouts APIs**! If you know what that means, you know what to do.
- And yes, you can join **Hangouts on your Android phone**.

Instant Upload



Wouldn't it be cool if the instant you took pics or video they got **beamed straight to your web album**? Yeah, we can do that. With your permission, your Android phone will send your pics and video straight to Google+ the instant you take them, so they're always available across your devices, ready to share as you see fit.

Circles



Finally! Circles make it easy to organize your online social world by putting different groups of friends in separate lists, family in another, and whatever other groups you dream up -- then easily **post different updates to each Circle**. You can create as many Circles as you want, make each as large or small as you want, and change (or abandon) any of them whenever you want. Who said the web can't be like real life?

Messenger



When you need to connect with a group, all at once, hassle free, use Messenger to gather friends into one simple **group chat on your Android phone**. Lost friends at the tailgate? Messenger helps you all easily reconnect.

Stream



Your Google+ Stream is where you **publish updates**, pics, links, news and events. It's also where you'll **see the posts**, photos, videos, links or location markers that people have shared with you. And you'll only see posts from people whose updates you choose to see -- Google+ lets you easily control the sources of your Stream.

Search

Type what you're looking for into the Google+ search box, and your results will include your own posts, trending topics from across the web, and people (whom you can add to your Circles), **all at the same time**. Search on monkeys and you might find a news article about chimps moving objects with their brains, a video by the band Stupid Monkeys 4U, and your old frat brother Luke "Monkey" Anderson (you probably didn't even remember his first name was Luke). You can then **save that search** for easy future checks of what's new in this particular area of personal obsession.

Pretty cool, huh?

Maybe.

We think so. And we think you'll think so too.

And we hope you'll visit www.google.com/+ and give Google+ a try.