

Commonly Used Messaging Platforms

College LIFE



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Slack



- **What is Slack?**

- Slack is a chatroom used by some larger campus organizations. It has “workspaces” where group messaging is organized into “channels” that you can name and even set a topic for, such as “Discussing Club Meeting”
- Slack also has private messaging for individual conversations
- Slack allows you to share links, files, and photos in group chat channels or in one-on-one conversations
- *Fun Feature:* You can make your own emoji reactions on Slack from photos, [click here to see how!](#)

- **How can I access it?**

- Slack is available on your computer and as an app for your phone! [Click here to check out their main website](#) or click one of the following to either:
- [Download from the Apple app store onto your Apple smartphone](#) (Any iPhone or iPad)
- [Download from the Google Play app store onto your Android smartphone](#)

GroupMe

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- **What is GroupMe?**

- GroupMe is a messaging app used mostly for group chats formed in your classes, honors program, scholars program, or university organizations
- GroupMe does have the option for direct individual messaging between users
 - Group members in a large group chat can message anyone in the chat individually by finding their member information within the chat details
- GroupMe allows you to share links, photos, and videos in chats
- *Fun Feature:* you can make your own memes from photos directly in the app, [click here to see how!](#)

- **How can I access it?**

- GroupMe is most user-friendly on your phone as an app, but can also be accessed on your computer! [Click here to go to their main desktop sign up page](#) or click one of the following to either:
 - [Download from the Apple app store onto your Apple smartphone](#) (any iPhone or iPad)
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Facebook Messenger

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- **What is Facebook Messenger?**

- Facebook Messenger, commonly known as just “Messenger”, is an instant chatting service owned by Facebook, where you can directly message either individuals or groups of individuals
- Messenger is a popular chatting app used when making new friends or looking for a roommate from UMD affiliated Facebook pages
- Messenger allows you to send links, photos, and videos to individuals or to group chats
- You can also video chat on Facebook Messenger, either one-on-one or in a group
- *Fun Feature:* you can personalize each chat (both individual and group chats) with its own unique emoji, chatroom color and user nicknames - [click here to see how!](#)

- **How can I access it?**

- Facebook messenger is available as an app for your smartphone or on your computer - you do not need a Facebook profile account to use Facebook Messenger! [Click here to go to their main website](#) or click one of the following to either:
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- **A Reminder to Be Wary of Academic Dishonesty in Group Chats:**
 - Unless working in a group project confirmed by your professor, sharing homework answers in a group chat is considered academic dishonesty
 - Sending answers via a message or giving step-by-step instructions on how to complete a problem in a group chat is considered academic dishonesty
 - Sharing test answers through a group chat is considered academic dishonesty
- **Remember:** Even if you are not the one sending something academically dishonest, if you are in the group chat where someone else sends answers to homework or exams then you will be held accountable by the University! If you see any academic dishonesty in a group chat, leave the chat immediately and reach out a trusted adult about what to do (Parents, Counselor, SIGNA or SUCCEEDS team members)
- Things that are **okay** to discuss in a group chat for a class:
 - Deadlines for assignments
 - Instructions from the professor on assignments
 - Concepts taught by the professor
 - Scheduling for group meetings or study groups
 - Notes from class
- The most commonly used group chat for large classes is **GroupMe**, consider the pros and cons of joining a GroupMe group chat for a class before adding yourself to the chat! You may discuss this with your advisor or even the teacher for your course.