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New Google, UNI Partnership

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On Monday, April 25, UNI began offering Google Apps for Education (Google Apps) to newly enrolled students. Google Apps is a free suite of Web-based messaging and collaboration applications hosted on Google's servers. Google provides these apps as a service rather than software you have to download and install. To access the apps, you simply use a Web browser on any computer connected to the Internet.

Three core apps are now available to all UNI students: Google Calendar, Google Docs and Google Sites. All new and transfer students also have access to Google Mail (Gmail), which provides email and instant messaging. The university is in the process of moving all current-student email to Gmail, which should be completed this summer or fall.

Your Questions Answered

What do the three core Google Apps include?

- Google Calendar -- Organize your life with personal and shared calendars. The calendars can also be used to set up meetings and events with friends and classmates.
- Google Docs -- An easy way to collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, slideshow presentations, forms and drawings. Your docs are stored securely in the cloud where anyone you share them with -- and only those people ? can work on them individually or at the same time.
- Google Sites -- You and your team can easily build and publish internal websites, as well as keep documents, Web content and other information in one place.

Why is UNI making this change?

This partnership provides a broad set of collaboration and communication tools that are evolving at a fast pace. It would be extremely difficult and costly for UNI to replicate this environment. Current tools, more storage space and UNI management make Google Apps @ UNI a powerful location where students can enhance their educational experience through collaboration and sharing.

What password do I use?

Use your [CatID](#) [1] passphrase -- the same passphrase you use for campus email, eLearning and MyUNIverse.

When will my email move to UNI Gmail?

UNI is currently setting up new students with UNI Gmail accounts. Later this summer, current students will be able to migrate existing email to Gmail. While a final migration date hasn't been set, all current and new students will be moved to UNI Gmail during the upcoming academic year.

As a current student, will my email address change?

Your address will remain the same: username@uni.edu [2].

What if I already have a personal Gmail account?

Your UNI Google Apps account is completely separate, so you can continue to use both accounts, if you like.

Do faculty and staff have access to Gmail?

Yes.

Where can I learn more?

Go to <http://google.uni.edu> [3]

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Links:

[1] <http://www.uni.edu/its/../../../../support/article/708>

[2] <mailto:username@uni.edu>

[3] <http://google.uni.edu>