

## Resources to Consider for Virtual Orientations

**Virtual Meeting Platforms:** These platforms can be used in addition to or instead of Zoom as ways for students to connect virtually with each other and with their student leaders, professors etc. in formal and informal settings.

**Orbital** <https://orbital.chat/>

"Unlike other communication tools, Orbital is always on. Pop in for meetings, brainstorm, teambuilding, office hours, coffee breaks, or hang out and cowork all day – all at the same link. Enjoy the benefits of being together, no matter where you are in the world."

**Join.me** <https://www.join.me/>

"Stay connected everywhere with join.me! join.me includes audio and video conferencing by phone or internet (VoIP) so you can see and hear anything in real time... on your time. Share your screen with participants while using audio and video at the same time. "

**Gathertown** <https://gather.town/>

"Spend time with your friends, coworkers, and communities like you would in real life"

**Whereby** <https://whereby.com/>

"Easy and flexible meetings on the go. Start or join meetings on your phone and with great features like in-app chat, audio-only mode, and more."

**Houseparty** <https://houseparty.com/>

"Houseparty is a social networking service that enables group video chatting through mobile and desktop apps. Users receive a notification when friends are online and available to group video chat."

**Discord** <https://discord.com/>

"Discord is a VoIP, instant messaging and digital distribution platform designed for creating communities. Users communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media and files in private chats or as part of communities called "servers"."

**Virtual Event Planning:** These platforms allow for event planning but in the virtual sphere. This can be used to plan orientations or other events for students to interact in more than one space at a time.

**Hopin** <https://hopin.com/>

"Hopin is an online events platform where you can create engaging virtual events that connect people around the globe."

**Social Hour** <https://socialhour.com/>

"Virtual events platform with spaces built for social connection and quality face-to-face time."

**Tools to use during virtual gatherings:** These are tools and resources that can enhance your virtual gathering experience and allow for a more interactive experience.

**Mentimeter** <https://www.mentimeter.com/>

"Use live polls, quizzes, word clouds, Q&As and more to get real-time input - regardless if you're remote, hybrid or face-to-face"

**Kahoot** <https://kahoot.com/>

"Host a live game with questions on a big screen or share a game with remote players."

### **Jamboard (App)**

"Jamboard is G Suite's digital whiteboard that offers a rich collaborative experience for teams and classrooms. Watch your creativity unfold: you can create a Jam, edit it from your device, and share it with others. Everybody can collaborate on the Jam anytime, anywhere."

### **Slido** <https://www.sli.do/>

"Slido is an easy-to-use Q&A and polling app that will turn your silent listeners into engaged participants."

### **Padlet** <https://padlet.com/>

"Padlet is like paper for your screen. Start with an empty page and then put whatever you like on it. Upload a video, record an interview, snap a selfie, write your own text posts or upload some documents, and watch your padlet come to life. Once others add to it, the page will update in real time."

### **Bulb** <https://my.bulbapp.com/>

"Bulb is a place to easily create, gather, curate and build content. It is a digital studio where anyone can assemble any type of content."