

Social Networking and Web 2.0 Tools for Enhancing Graduate Education

Name	Website	Description	Possible Uses
Bebo	www.bebo.com	Allows users to share photos with music, and blogs, and draw on members' White Boards	Uses include getting ideas for dissertation and thesis topics, making connections, ease feeling of loneliness associated with distance learning.
Elgg	http://elgg.org/	Open source social engine which powers all kinds of social environments such as education and business.	Uses include providing a virtual learning environment which allows students to easily participate in discussions.
Facebook	www.facebook.com	Social utility tool that connects people with friends and others who work, study and live around them.	Uses include meeting other people in your field of study for resources and information.
Flickr	www.flickr.com	Online photo management and sharing application.	Uses include bulletin board type discussions, trainings, and creating presentations and slideshows.
LinkedIn	http://www.linkedin.com/	Network of experienced professionals from around the world. Find and collaborate with qualified professionals to accomplish your goals.	Uses include meeting professionals in your field of study. Can be resourceful in finding a job, getting your foot in the door and getting help accomplishing work or education goals.
MeetUp.com	www.meet-up.com	Helps groups of people with shared interests plan meetings and form offline clubs in local communities around the world.	Uses include forming study groups and finding resources in your area.
MySpace	www.myspace.com	Social networking website. Uses interactive, user-submitted network of friends, personal profiles, blogs, groups, photos, music, and videos for teenagers and adults around the world.	Uses include getting information about educational institutions, recruitment and meet new people at educational institutions of choice. Allows students to easily participate in discussions.
Slide Share	http://www.slideshare.net/	Share or search for PowerPoint presentations and Word documents	Uses include finding slide shows for class instruction.
Skype	www.skype.com	Make free video and voice calls, send instant messages and share files with other Skype users.	Uses include conducting online lectures for free, meeting new people, collaboration between students and teacher, and getting students motivated about presenting ideas.
TeacherTube	www.teachertube.com/	Takes the sharing, production, and community-building aspects of YouTube and offers an educator's version.	Uses include uploading instructional videos with no length or size limit. Great for educational purposes because it is usually not blocked by school servers.
Twitter	http://twitter.com/	Social networking and micro-blogging service. Allows users to send and read updates from other users known as <i>tweets</i>	Uses include reminding students about homework on their mobile phone and collaborating research projects.
Yammer	www.yammer.com	Similar to Twitter but for businesses. Allows users to post updates of their activities, follow updates, tag content, and create memes. Yammer focuses on businesses, and only individuals with the same email domain can join a given network.	Uses include the ease of collaboration and inclusion of users across various email domains. Allows students to micro-blog with professors.
YouTube	www.youtube.com	Video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips.	Uses include uploading instructional videos, viewing instructional videos already created and on the web.
Wikipedia	www.wikipedia.org	A free online encyclopedia. Articles are contributed collaboratively using Wiki software. Available in different languages.	Uses include searching for encyclopedia definitions and adding collaboratively.

NMSU Social Networking and Web 2.0 Resources

Name	Website	Description
Aggie Video	http://www.nmsu.edu/aggievideo/index.html	Social media tool which uses video technology.
Distance Education	http://distance.nmsu.edu/faculty/index.html	Social marketing resource and information for faculty teaching classes through distance education.
NMSU iTunes	https://itunes.nmsu.edu/	Use your NMSU account to log into iTunes
NMSU MySpace	www.myspace.com/gonmsu	NMSU has its own MySpace page filled with links and resources for everyone.
NMSU YouTube	http://brand.nmsu.edu/webnation/youtube.html	New Mexico State University is on YouTube www.youtube.com/newmexicostateu .
Webinars	http://webinars.nmsu.edu	Online seminars made available for you to watch from home or anywhere.
Webnation	http://brand.nmsu.edu/webnation	Created by New Mexico State University web professional group. Keeps students and faculty aware of NMSU developments as they relate to the internet.

Professional Organization Social Networking Websites

Department	Organization	Website
Agriculture	National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association	http://www.naada.org/
All	National Association of Scholars	http://www.nas.org/index.cfm
Biology	Biology Online	http://www.biology-online.org/
Business	MBA Association	http://www.mbaassociation.org/
Business	Biznik	http://biznik.com/
Education	Education World	http://www.educationworld.com/
Engineering	Society of Women Engineers	http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/
Engineering	Civil Engineering Central	http://www.civilengineeringcentral.com/index.php
Geography	New Geography	http://www.newgeography.com/
Health Care	American Hospital Association	http://www.healthforum.com/healthforum_app/index.jsp
Health Care	Health Boards	http://www.healthboards.com/
History	American Historical Association	http://blog.historians.org/
Physicians	Sermo	http://www.sermo.com/
Physics	APS Physics	http://www.aps.org/
Physics	I Love Physics	http://www.ilovephysics.com/
Public Health	American Public Health Association	http://www.apha.org/
Science	Science Careers	http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/ctscinet
Science	Science Forums	http://www.scienceforums.net/