

features	Zoom	Hangouts/Meet	FB Live
When to use	Professional meetings and interviews that you want recorded Large meetings Hosting webinars	Smaller, informal meetings One-on-one meetings or interviews	Can create watch parties and broadcast to a large audience. Dependent on having a Facebook account.
Cost	\$14.99 or \$19.99 per host per month. Free version has 40-minute limit on all meetings	Free, but additional features behind paywall. Paid version: \$6-25 per user	Free
Recording capability	Yes, though some restrictions may apply for those who work with HIPPA data	Yes	Yes
Screen sharing	Simultaneous screen sharing (the meeting host can allow multiple people to share the screen at the same time). Annotation of screen sharing	Only one person may share their screen at a time.	Host can ScreenShare – must install extension on browser.
Maximum number of participants	Up to 300 people in meetings. Up to 500 people in webinars.	Up to 100 people.	No maximum
Who can host?	Anyone with an account	Anyone with an account	Anyone with an account – recommended that you have a Group or Page to host it though.
Who can attend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone can attend meetings and webinars, including individuals outside of the organization. 	Anyone can attend meetings and webinars, including individuals outside of the organization. However, users in China may have difficulty joining.	Anyone (ability to view without fb account has been added/will roll out soon)

Privacy features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure a meeting with end-to-end encryption • Create Waiting Rooms for attendees • Require host to be present before meeting starts • Expel a participant or all participants • Lock a meeting • Screen share watermarks • Audio signatures • Enable/disable a participant or all participants to record • Temporary pause screen-sharing when a new window is opened • Password protect a meeting • Only allow individuals with a given e-mail domain to join 	<p>You can limit participation by creating private groups for the events/streams</p> <p>If hosting on personal account, can select audience groups.</p> <p>If going any of the above routes, it would require the students to have a FB account</p>	
Ease of access	<p>User must have admin privileges on the computer/phone in order to run Zoom.</p> <p>No account needed.</p>	<p>User must have google account OR the host must have G Suite to invite non-google people.</p>	<p>No additional software to download, many people are on FB already... but many others also dislike fb.</p> <p>Facebook is launching logged-out mode, to allow non-FB people to watch/listen to content.</p>
Additional Features /Notes	<p>Initiate virtual breakout sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting participants can be placed in breakout rooms to hold small-group discussions. • Set up a meeting poll: See responses to questions you pose in real time. • Chat with all meeting participants, chat with a certain role (i.e. panelists) or to specific individuals • Share a whiteboard for group annotation • Allow Q&A in webinar 	<p>In meeting chat with all meeting participants</p>	<p>"Rehearsals": broadcast a Live video only to page admins/editors to test your webinar</p> <p>Ability to "trim" video when saving it</p> <p>Maximum length of webinars/live stream is 8 hours</p> <p>Ability to create poll with 2-4 options; can see poll after it is no longer live</p>

- Setup a webinar with registration (optional)
- Spotlight a speaker
- Set a primary active speaker for all participants
- Pin a speaker
- Set your view to a specific speaker. This does not affect other participants.

Can only schedule up to a week in advance (?)



	GOOGLE HANGOUTS MEET	ZOOM
Free Option	No*	Yes
Price range (monthly)	\$6–\$25 per user**	\$14.99–\$19.99 per host
Maximum participants	Up to 250	Up to 1,000***
Platforms supported	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
Call Recordings	✓	✓
Screen Sharing	✓	✓
Group Messaging	✓	✓
Integrations	Other Google services, Skype, Pexip Infinity	Workplace, Salesforce, Google services
Other Features	Encrypted calls	Polls, whiteboard, encrypted calls

<https://it.umn.edu/compare-zoom-google-meet>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/google-hangouts-vs-zoom>

<https://www.bustle.com/p/6-differences-between-zoom-google-hangouts-you-should-know-22647281>

<https://www.facebook.com/help/publisher/216491699144904>

Note: this list is not exhaustive, it's a work in progress as new announcements in technologies are made.

*The standard consumer Hangouts app is still available for free to use for personal video calls.

**All advanced Hangouts Meet features are now included at no additional cost for all G Suite subscriptions until July 1, 2020.

***Support for 1,000 participants requires Large Meeting add-on.