



## Discord in the ENMU Environment Tutorial

### *IMPORTANT NOTE:*

It is incredibly important that ENMU Employees transmit & store University related material, especially FERPA material, through Microsoft Teams or Microsoft One Drive. Please be advised any usage of personal devices for University business may implicate [University Policy 65-2](#) for those devices. Please also be aware of [University Policy 65-7](#) & [University Policy 60-1](#). Discord is for casual use and enterprise-grade utilities do not exist for it at this time, meaning ITS does not have the capability to reset a forgotten Discord password, generally troubleshoot, or recover missing Discord data. Individual users of Discord, both employees and students, use Discord at their own discretion & responsibility. ENMU employees, being employed by the government of the State of New Mexico, should screen capture & document any speech they feel is in violation of policy/law, such as Title IX, and run it through proper channels. However, such materials should not be deleted independently of institutional process feedback so as to avoid possible loss of investigative materials & as well as to avoid potential First Amendment complaints. [Microsoft Teams & OneDrive](#) are collaboration systems supported by ENMU ITS as they have enterprise-grade tools and reporting required for official University business.

*--ENMU ITS Technical Trainer*

Discord is a free collaboration tool available for use within its mobile app, desktop app, and natively within the browser (meaning no installation is needed to use it). This program allows for chatting, file sharing, video calls, & streaming, similar to both Microsoft Teams and Zoom. Making an account and hosting a server is done easily and at no cost, with access to nearly all features. Within the ENMU Clubs Discord server, student organizations will be able to communicate with each other for events they are hosting or want help hosting as well as easier communication with the campus life directors. In addition to easier communication, student organizations can fully customize their sections with channels to talk or text for their specific interest-based needs. Students of ENMU have been using Discord for university matters on their own initiative since at least 2019.

Discord is an ever-growing program with many features and bot/AI capabilities. Several students and staff at ENMU are actively using Discord this semester on a regular basis and even more student organizations already have their own personal servers set up. With local high schools and universities within New Mexico already using discord, such as NMSU and Clovis Highschool, and the University of Texas being recognized for using discord (seen here <https://discord.com/college>) which helps their brand recognition and recruitment, ENMU has an opportunity to start adopting Discord. Please contact the Office of Campus Life if you have Discord questions. I have also included my PowerPoint from the October 26-27<sup>th</sup> presentations I held for Campus Life as reference material for your convenience:

[Discord.pdf](#)

*--ENMU Bored Geeks Board Games 2022 President Logan O'Brien*