Overview of Google+ Hangouts

Purpose
Google+ Hangouts is Google’s new social networking tool. Once you have created a circle of friends, you can choose to hang out with them on Google+. This allows you to video chat, IM chat, watch YouTube videos together, so you can use this tool for student meetings, to network with influencers, for telecommuting employees or satellite offices and more.

How to Get There
There are a few ways you can start a Google+ hangouts. We are going to show you one way to get to the Google+ hangouts from U-M website log in.

1. Before you start a hangout, set up your Profile: Your profile is where your friends find you. Add a profile picture, share a few details about yourself, and pick a cover photo that tells the world what you are interested in. Check this video: http://youtu.be/WVROEsSxRk8

2. Second, create Circles: Circles make it easy to share the right things with the right people, just like in real life. With circles, you can create a friends circle that you can share some things with close friends, you can create a work circle that you can share some things or meeting with your co-workers or students. If you would like to learn more, check this video: http://youtu.be/e-AlxC400y8

3. Make sure your microphone and camera are working correctly by looking at your video feed at the bottom of the page. You should be able to see yourself in the video feed, and when you talk, you should see a green bar appear at the bottom of your video.

4. Go to plus.google.com/hangouts and click “Sign in” button and enter your U-M email address in the format uniqname@umich.edu in the “Email” box on the Google sign in page. Leave the “Password” field blank and click the “Sign in” button. You will be redirected to the U-M web login page.

5. Log into the U-M web login page with your uniqname and Kerberos (level 1) password.

6. Click the “Start a Hangout” button on the top right side of your screen.
7. Invite entire circles or specific individuals to join you in your hangout.

8. Learn more about inviting people to your hangout, check the link below: http://support.google.com/plus/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=1215839