Access Google Hangouts from ICC student email or a Gmail Account:

1. Click the "Find People to Chat With" icon
2. Type an ICC student email address (or Gmail address) in the search field
3. Check the box next to their name

Hangouts
Icons along the top of the Hangouts interface allow you to do things like invite additional people to the hangout and adjust your audio and video settings. Icons along the left side of the interface give you access to additional features, like desktop sharing.

Hangouts allows you to video chat with up to 15 people at the same time with your ICC student email account (the limit is 10 people for a standard Gmail account).

Hangouts and Google Calendar
You can add a Google Hangout "video call" link to a Google Calendar item. For Google Apps for Education accounts, the video call link is added to every event by default. For regular Gmail accounts, it is an option you can choose to add to a calendar item.

Hangouts and Google Sites
In Google Sites, there is a Hangout Gadget that allows you to add a Start Hangout button to a page.

The nice thing about this button is that you can set it up to automatically prompt the user to invite certain people to the hangout. For example, when the student clicks the button, they could be prompted to invite the instructor to the Hangout.

Hangouts and Google+
Google Hangouts were originally a part of Google+ (Google's less-than-successful social media site). You no longer need to use Google+ to use Hangouts, but you still can initiate hangout sessions from there.
Google Hangouts App for Your Computer

There is a Google Hangout app that you can run on your computer that lets you monitor Google Hangouts text chat and video requests. It basically works like instant messaging software, with the capability of launching video hangouts.

Hangouts App for Mobile Devices

There are also Google Hangouts apps for mobile devices (smart phones and tablets). Search for Google Hangouts in your device’s app store.

Google Hangouts On Air

Google Hangouts On Air allows you to send out a live YouTube stream of your Hangout. A standard Hangout can only be viewed by the limited number (max 10 or 15) of people who are participating in the Hangout session. Hangouts On Air still has the limits on the number of people that can be IN the Hangout, but there is no limit to the number of people who can watch what is happening in the Hangout live on YouTube.

Google Hangouts On Air is still tied to Google+ and it also makes use of YouTube. If you want to use Google Hangouts On Air, you need to activate (agree to the terms and conditions) Google+ and YouTube for your account.

Steps for Setting up Hangouts On Air

After you have activated Google+ and YouTube for your account, you can set up a Google Hangouts On Air session by following these steps.

1. Sign into your ICC Student Email account (or gmail account).
2. Click the Apps button.
3. Click the Google+ App.
4. Click the Home drop down.
5. Click on Hangouts.
6. Click on Hangouts On Air.
7. Click the Start Hangout On Air button.
8. Give your Event a unique name; fill in a description; choose when you want to schedule it for; choose who you want to invite. Click Share.
9. If you want to use the Q&A, Showcase, or Applause Apps, you need to turn them on prior to starting your hangout.
10. The links for the event are available in the Details area of this Google+ page.
11. Click Start.
12. The links for the event are also available by clicking on the links icon in the lower right hand corner of the page.
13. Click Start broadcast when you are ready to start streaming to the YouTube video.

The three links that are provided for accessing the live stream of your Hangout are:
- The Google+ Events page for your event,
- The YouTube page for your event,
- The YouTube Video embed code for your event.

The Google+ Events page allows viewers of the live YouTube stream to use three apps.
- Q & A – users with a Google+ account can enter questions into the Q & A side panel (If they don’t have a Google+ account, they don’t see the controls for entering questions).
- Applause – viewers can hit thumbs up and thumbs down to applaud (or show disapproval) of the video stream.
- Showcase – This lets you share links with the viewers in the side panel, to the right of the video.