

5 WAYS YOU CAN...

Use Social Media in your Class

1 **Pinterest** is an online pin-board where users pin images to their boards that link to original sites, and then share them with others. Have your students create a pin board for your class, and then share web content they find!

2 Use **Wordpress**, UIS' blog service, to create a blog for your class. This will promote collaboration and discussion outside the classroom.

3 **LinkedIn** is a great way to network connect. Create an assignment instructing students to create an account to help prep them for life after graduation!

4 **Facebook** is another way to stay connected with students but also a good foundation for a project-have them create a page for a specific cause or a simple page for the class.



5 **Twitter** is a must have for educators. It's a great way to share class announcements, breaking news related to class material, videos, and more. Simply have your students follow you and tweet away!

Why Social Media in the classroom?

- **Promotes Collaboration:** Students who may not like talking in class may be more likely to voice their opinions through online discussions or other tools. Also, students are able to engage in conversations with one another outside the class.
- **Share Content:** Whether it's videos, articles, or links to websites, share it easily with your students through Twitter, blogs, Facebook, and more!
- **Communicate world-wide:** Tools such as **Brainify** and **epals** are havens for students looking to talk with other students across the country-or even the nation.