

The NGCSU.edu transition into Northgeorgia.edu

Starting October 31st 2009 North Georgia College & State University will transition it's domain name to Northgeorgia.edu. The existing domain name, ngcsu.edu, is cumbersome for many users who are not familiar with the university. Please note, this domain change does not mark a name change for the university, but rather an opportunity to better promote North Georgia's identity and reputation.

Along with this domain name change North Georgia will also be moving all email services over to Google's Gmail system. This will allow us to standardize employee email as well as simplify student email addresses. All campus email, both student and faculty/staff will be a @northgeorgia.edu email address. To help ease this transition the current domain name and email addresses will continue to operate until September 1st 2010. The Help Desk will provide information and FAQ's on how to easily forward the email from your existing account over to the new @northgeorgia.edu account.

The benefits of moving to Gmail campus-wide:

Not tethered to one email client -

You will be able to use any email client (Outlook, Thunderbird..etc) that you want. You will also be able to use that email client to send and receive email while off campus.

Easy calendar sharing -

Using Google Calendar departments will be able to share and manage calendars much more simply. Professors will also be able to create class calendars and share them with their students easily.

Easy document sharing -

With faculty and students using the same Gmail system Professors and students will be able to share documents in a standardized way using Google Docs, all from within their campus provided email.

Easier mobile device setup -

Since the system uses Gmail it will be very easy for both students and faculty/staff to setup their campus email on mobile devices such as phones.