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- Box.net - Free online file storage and sharing. There is also a paid service as well, but a free account will give you 1GB of online storage.
  
- Google Docs (Writely) - Free web-based word processor and spreadsheet, which allows you share and collaborate online. Why pay for Microsoft Office, when this is free?
  
- Del.icio.us - Social Bookmarking tool. Let's face it, in college you are going to be using more than one computer. Here your bookmarks are organized by your tag, all in one place.
  
- Meebo - Allows you to access Instant Messengers from anywhere. Meebo is an AJAX-based chat client where you can use AIM, Google Talk, Yahoo, MSN Messenger, Jabber, ICQ, and more. No download is needed, so it's convenient when using different computers.
  
- Flickr - share and organize your photos online.
  
- Wikipedia - free online encyclopedia. Though it has been under debate as of late on whether it can be used as a valid reference in research. Many professors have banned students from using Wikipedia as a cited resource. Still, Wikipedia is a good tool for finding information quickly.
  
- RateMyProfessor.com - Great way to check out prospective teachers.
  
- Stu.dicio.us - Student organizer and social note taking tool where students can manage schedules, grades, to-do lists, collaborative notes and files. Also see MyNotelt.
  
- Backpack - Backpack is an all around great organizer including note taking, file storage, to-do lists, a calendar, and more.
  
- YouTube/Google Video - great for storing your videos, viewing educational lectures and videos, and for killing time.

Other online tools you will need:

Google Language Translator: You can use this tool as a proxy, which means you can use it to access restricted sites on campus, in libraries, etc. To use the Google Proxy, just enter the url after:  
<http://www.google.com/translate?langpair=en|en&u={your url here}>

Online Payments: PayPal and Google Checkout - Pay fellow classmates and roommates easily.

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