Microsoft Teams: Calling

Microsoft Teams is a collaboration platform that combines persistent chat, file collaboration, instant messaging and meetings in a single platform. Teams is part of ODU’s Office 365 and is available to all faculty, staff and students.

Teams allows video and audio calling between Teams users. But Teams Calling adds phone system capabilities, including making and receiving phone calls.

Teams is installed on all ODU managed machines, and available on Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android.

How to Make a Call using Microsoft Teams Calling

1. Open Microsoft Teams and click the Calls icon. (Note: On mobile devices, you may need to click More Apps to see the Calls icon.)

2. Enter a 10-digit number and click the Call button.
Additional Features

Speed Dial

1. Click the **Calls** icon on the left side of the screen, then click **Speed dial**.
2. To add contacts to your speed dial list, use the **Add speed dial** button or click the **three dots**.
3. To make a call, click the **phone icon** on a contact card.

Launch a Teams Call from a Chat

You can launch calls from one-on-one chats or group chats.

1. Open a chat window with the person (or group) you want to call.
2. Click the phone icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. This will ring everyone in the chat.
View Teams Call History
You can review your Teams Calls activity.

1. Click the **Calls** icon on the left side of the screen, then click **History**.
2. View the activity on the right-hand side of the screen.

Voicemail
You can review and listen to voicemails.

1. Click the **Calls** icon on the left side of the screen, then click **Voicemail**.
2. View your voicemails on the right-hand side of the screen.
**Settings**
Configure settings including **Forwarding**, **Un-Forwarding** and **Voicemail**.

1. Click on your **Avatar** in the top right corner of the Teams app.
2. Click **Settings**.

3. Click **Calls**.
   a. Select or unselect **Forward my calls** and set other call answering rules.
   b. Click **Configure voicemail** to manage voicemail greetings and settings.
Frequently Asked Questions

Is voicemail available for Teams Calling?
Yes, voicemail is turned on by default in Teams.

How do I record a voicemail greeting?
To configure voicemail, click on your Avatar, Settings, Calls, and Configure Voicemail (see instructions above).

How do I check voicemail?
Check voicemail by clicking on the Calls icon, then Voicemail. You can listen to and manage voicemails.

Are my phone conversations in Teams recorded?
No.

What phone number will appear when I call someone from my Teams phone number?
Caller ID will display the number shown above your dial pad (when you click on Calls, Dial a Number).

Can I mask my Caller ID with another phone number?
At this time, no. We are looking at options like porting ODU numbers to Teams so you can use Teams as your primary calling platform, but that is not available yet.

Can I block my Teams phone number from appearing when I call someone?
You are unable to block your Caller ID when making calls in Teams. However, if you use Teams Calling on your mobile device, the Teams number will appear to the person you call, not your mobile number.

Can my office number appear on the screen instead of my Teams phone number so that the person I am calling recognizes the phone number?
Not yet, but we’re looking into this option.

Can I transfer a call that I receive on my Teams number to another Teams number, office phone number, cell phone or land line?
Yes, you can transfer a call you receive on Teams by clicking the ellipsis (the 3 dots) while on the call, then clicking transfer. You can transfer a call to any phone number you are able to call.
Can I place a Teams call on hold then resume?
Yes. Click the ellipsis (the 3 dots) while the call is on hold, then click resume.

Must I dial the 10-digit number to make an outbound call?
Yes. All calls, including local those with local area codes, must be made using the full 10-digit number.

In the office, I have multiple lines that I answer. How are multiple lines handled in Teams Calls?
In Teams, we can setup a queue for calls that come in to a shared line. These appear as normal phone calls, but they have an additional label for the Queue. Contact the ITS Help Desk for more information.

Can I forward my Teams phone number to another number?
Yes. You can forward your Teams number to any other Teams number, office phone, cell phone or land line. Click on your Avatar, Settings, Calls, and select Forward my calls (see instructions above).

What is the process for forwarding and un-forwarding my office phone number to my Teams number?
You can forward your office phone to Teams one of two ways: If you have access to your physical office phone, click the forward button and enter your Teams number. Otherwise, contact the ITS Help Desk for assistance.

How many people can be on a Teams audio call?
We don’t recommend more than 3 or 4 simultaneous callers on a single Teams call. If you need to do a call with more people at once, we recommend doing a Zoom meeting or a Teams meeting.

How are 911 calls handled on Teams Calling?
On a mobile device, 911 calls go through your mobile carrier. From a computer, 911 calls go to the ODU Police Department.