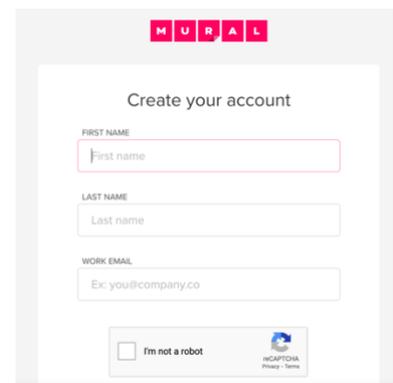


How to use Mural in Your BiP Course

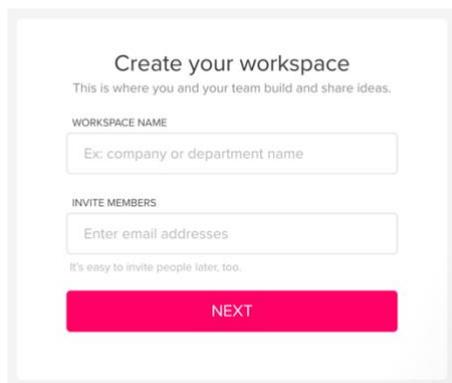
Mural is a virtual whiteboard collaboration tool that allows instructors and students work together in real time. In Mural, instructors can create a room and students are able to collaborate on a whiteboard. Mural can be integrated into Microsoft Teams, so students can easily access it if you use Teams in your course. This tool is useful whether you are teaching in person or virtually. Here are some ways to implement Mural into your course.

Step One: Creating a Mural

The first step is to create a Mural account, it is free. You can use your UNH email for this, so that it is more easily integrated into other platforms with that email.



The screenshot shows the Mural account creation interface. At the top, the MURAL logo is displayed. Below it, the heading "Create your account" is centered. The form includes three input fields: "FIRST NAME" with a placeholder "First name", "LAST NAME" with a placeholder "Last name", and "WORK EMAIL" with a placeholder "Ex: you@company.co". At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" and a small logo for "HIGHER EDUCATION" with the text "Privacy - Terms" below it.



The screenshot shows the Mural workspace creation interface. The heading "Create your workspace" is centered, followed by the subtext "This is where you and your team build and share ideas." Below this, there are two input fields: "WORKSPACE NAME" with a placeholder "Ex: company or department name" and "INVITE MEMBERS" with a placeholder "Enter email addresses". Below the second field, there is a small note: "It's easy to invite people later, too." At the bottom of the form, there is a prominent pink button labeled "NEXT".

Next you can create a Workspace and invite your students. A good name for your workspace would be the course title. Then you can enter the students' UNH email addresses, this can be found on your Canvas course under "People".

From here you can choose to create a Mural from a template or design your own!

Step Two: Integrate Mural into Teams

If you are not using Teams in your BiP course, skip to step three which covers the functionality of Mural. However, if you are using Teams, this is a great way to make it more easily accessible for your students.

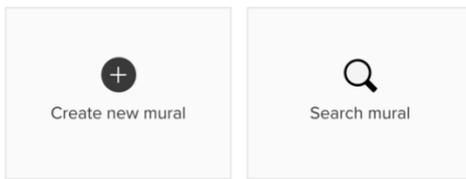
To add Mural to Teams, first select the “+” icon on the top menu bar when in your Teams page for the course.



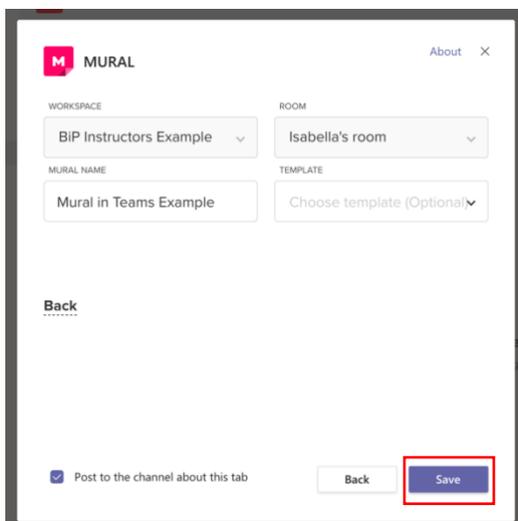
Next, enter Mural in the search bar and select the Mural tab.



Select Add. Then select “Get Started” to log into your account through Teams.



Next step is to create a new mural and give it a name! If you want, you can use a template or create your own, but more on templates in the next section.

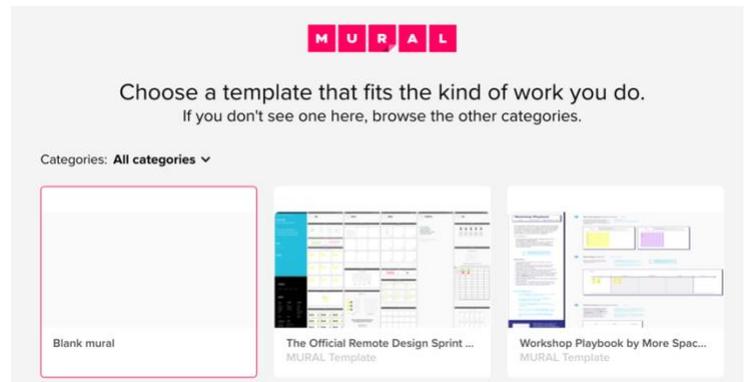


Select Save. This mural board will appear on the upper tab in your Teams group. All students in the Team will be able to add to it. Now you are ready to go using Mural in your course’s Team page!

Step Three: Functions of Mural

Now it is time to get your Mural started! If you are going through the web browser or through Teams, the process is almost identical. On their website, after logging in and creating your workspace, you can make your first Mural board.

You can choose from templates that Mural provides, or you can start from scratch and make your own with a blank mural.



Mural will walk you through the main functions of the program, such as how to scroll and quickly add sticky notes and images. These are the tools that you will use to create your own templates to facilitate virtual class activities. Below is a brief explanation of several functional areas of Mural.

This tool bar in the top right houses the chat section, the comment section, the activity history, a help bar, a search option, and the options for exporting your mural.



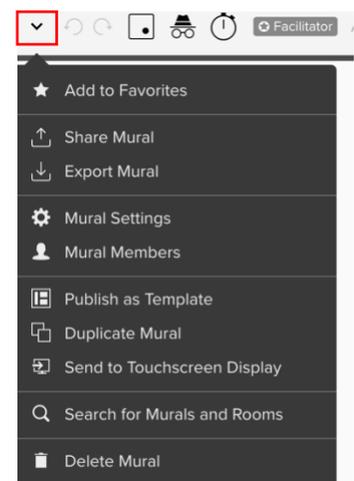
The tool bar on the left side gives many more options for elements to add to your mural. From the top, you can add text, shapes and connectors, icons, frameworks, and images. Then there is a content library, files, and a drawing option. These are the tools that you will use to build your templates and murals.



In the left side of the top bar there are more tools that you can use in Facilitator mode. You can undo or redo. You can set up voting sessions as well as a private mode and a timer.



Finally, on the carrot drop down you have several other settings options.



This brief description of the tools available on Mural should allow you to make basic murals that will allow your students to interact collaboratively online, however there are so much more you can do on Mural if you take some time to explore it.

Step Four: Why Use Mural?

With Mural, you can create activities for your students that they can work on simultaneously. The options for this are endless, you can create brainstorming boards or test students on concepts they have learned in class. For more outside the box idea, Mural has tons of templates that you can use and boundless inspiration on their website.

This resource can add value to your class whether online or in person. It is a fun way for your students to interact online in real time.