# The Dos and Don'ts of Higher Ed Social Media

LIVE WEBINAR







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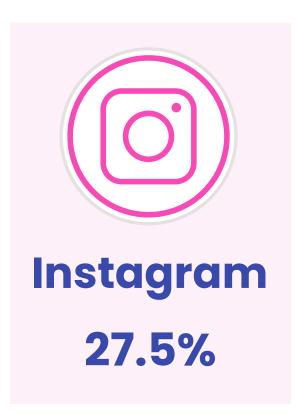
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### 'Most useful' social media channels















\*Keystone's annual student survey - 24,000 students



**Do!** Use your data. It may seem students or prospects aren't on a particular platform, but your data could suggest otherwise.





#### © Social media as search

84%

OF STUDENTS USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT COLLEGES

\*Niche class of 2024 survey

41%

OF CONSUMERS USING TIKTOK AS A SEARCH ENGINE

\*Adobe research 2024

210

YOUTUBE SECOND-LARGEST SEARCH ENGINE (AFTER GOOGLE)



**Do!** Optimize your social media content for search. Apply the same SEO keyword strategy you use on your website for your social media posts too.

## Keeping up with...every platform

59%

of higher ed marketers find it hard to keep up with new features or ad features on social media.

\*Hootsuite social trends 2024

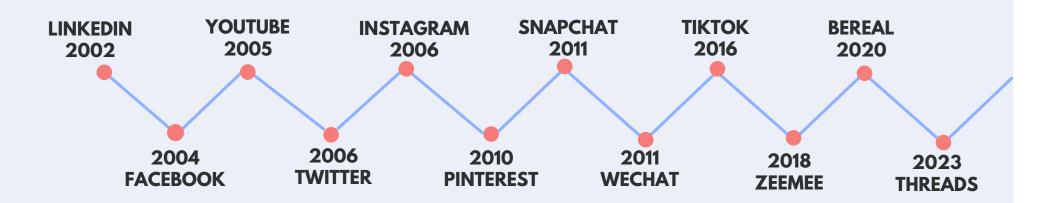






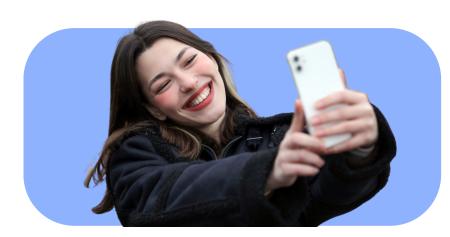


**Don't!** Don't always need to be reactive. If a new channel launches, create an account to secure your account name & then see how it develops.





## Is there growing social media fatigue?









#### **ENGAGEMENT RATES ARE DECLINING...**

Rival IQ reporting 8% decrease in engagement across the board.



#### **BUT...** NOT FOR HIGHER ED

Average engagement for higher ed is 2.4% - the best industry sector.

For higher ed TikTok accounts, the average **engagement is 9.2%**. (second is 'sports teams with 4.4%)





## Community building

65%

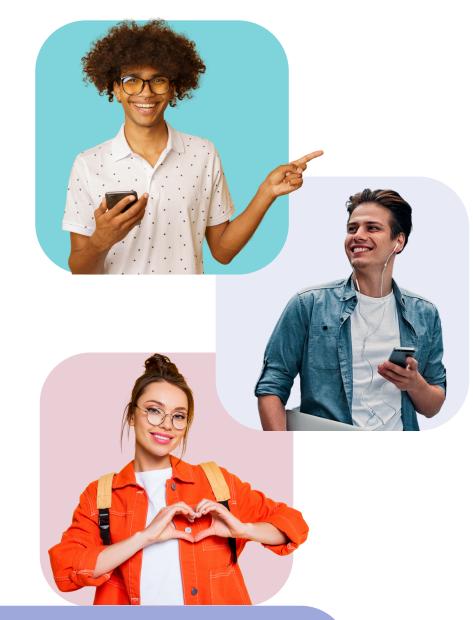
OF STUDENTS USE REDDIT FOR COLLEGE CONTENT & LOOKING UP STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

\*Niche class of 2024 survey

62%

OF STUDENTS IN EUROPE SAID CHATTING WITH ANOTHER STUDENT INFLUENCED THEIR APPLICATION DECISION.

\*Unibuddy





**Do!** If you don't already, use current students to help source content. Takeovers, 'day-in-the-life-of' vlogs and campus tours will resonate with international students who can't visit campus.



# ANY QUESTIONS?



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