Transforming Your Course into a Wikipedia Course

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Outline

Why use Wikipedia?
What to do with Wikipedia?
How to use Wikipedia?
## Why Wikipedia?

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Why Wikipedia? – Key Concepts

Develop writing skills

Develop technical and communication skills
Why Wikipedia? – Key Concepts

Increase media and information fluency

Improve critical thinking and research skills
Why Wikipedia? – Key Concepts

Foster collaboration and community of practice
What Wikipedia – Where to Start

Wikipedia needs our help!

1000s of stub articles
1000s of start class articles

Choosing Articles
What Wikipedia – Principles

Does not have firm rules
Online encyclopedia
Neutral point of view
Free content
Interactions in a respectful and civil manner
How to get started?

- Sign up for a Wiki account
- Post the description of course here
How Wikipedia? – Getting Started

Name
<!-- Replace this entire line with your name here. -->

Institution
<!-- Add the name of the institution where you teach. -->

Course title and description
<!-- Add the name of your course and tell us about it: what subject(s) it covers, what level of students are in it (first-year undergraduates, advanced undergraduates, graduate students, etc), how Wikipedia fits in to your syllabus, which experienced editors and/or WikiProjects you'll be working with, and anything else you think is relevant. -->

Assignment plan
<!-- What will you and your students be doing on Wikipedia, and what do you expect to accomplish? Be as specific as possible. -->

Number of students
<!-- About how many students will be editing Wikipedia from your class? -->

Start and end dates
<!-- When does your class start and end? -->

<!-- Leave the following in code in place when you submit your application; it will send notifications to users who can respond to your request. -->

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How Wikipedia? – Getting Started

How to get started?

◦ Create a course page [here](#)
◦ List yourself as an instructor [here](#)
◦ Connect with a [WikiProject](#)
How Wikipedia? – Developing a Course

Training
Using Blackboard for assignments
Using talk pages
Syllabus Suggestions
Case Study
How Wikipedia? – Keeping Students Engaged

Group students into groups of 3 or 4
- Wikipedia Expert
  - Sources to use
- Writing Expert
- Fact Checker

Review each other’s articles

Motivate them by presenting awards
Tour of Wikipedia Course Site

Behavioral Ecology
Tour of Wikipedia Course Site

Student 1's site
- Before
- After
- Talk page

Student 2's site
- Before
- After
- Talk page
Questions

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