

WIKIPEDIA STUDENT TRAINING MATERIAL (First Steps)

To get you acquainted with Wikipedia, we would like you to complete the following five tasks. Completion of each task will count towards your class participation grade. We are here to help you if you have questions or run into trouble, so please feel free to email us or come by our office hours.

Task 1: Create your username

Look over sections 1 – 1.3 of Wikipedia’s username policy (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Username_policy). Think about how anonymous you’d like to be on the internet.

The following video will give you step-by-step instructions for registering an account, once you have chosen a username: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXTxNdqtsbo> .

Task 2: Sandbox

Make several edits to Wikipedia’s public sandbox, an area dedicated to new users. Experiment, and see what happens! (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Sandbox>)

Task 3: Create your userpage

Take a look at the information Wikipedia provides about userpages: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:User_pages .

The “Creating a userpage” document (attached to this announcement and stored in Oncourse Resources) will walk you through the steps involved in setting up your userpage.

Task 4: Edit your userpage

Click the “Edit” tab (located between “Read” and “View History”) to make several edits to your userpage. Include as much or as little personal information as you’d like.

Add a Userbox to your userpage to identify yourself as part of the Public Policy Initiative. Insert the following code to the top of your userpage, or copy and paste the code from User:Etlib (Chanitra) or User:Ifmicecouldfly (Ellie).

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{{userboxtop}}
{{User WikiProject United States Public Policy}}
{{userboxbottom}}
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Task 5: Short readings

Read about the “Five Pillars” of Wikipedia at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:FIVE> .

Read at least the introductory sections (and more, if you desire) of the following articles:

Neutral Point of View Policy: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral_point_of_view

No Original Research Policy: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:NOR>

Verifiability Policy: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:V>