

To get you acquainted with Wikipedia before your training on September 21st or 22nd, 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:Ifmiccouldfly (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>