

The 7 Biggest Mistakes the Wikipedia Education Program's Made — and What We've Learned From Them

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Mistake #1:

Not taking student
abilities into account.

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Investigate student writing skill level prior to working with a new discipline.

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engage only via email/
Google Docs.

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Summary [collapse]	
Institution	Rice University
Term	Spring 2014
Start	6 January 2014
End	29 June 2014
Student count	20
Status	Current
Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vignespasy (talk contribs sandboxes)
Online volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jami (Wiki Ed) (talk contribs sandboxes)
Campus volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JoyceChou (talk contribs sandboxes)Twoods158 (talk contribs sandboxes)

Student	Articles	Reviewers
Alison.moscoso (talk contribs sandboxes)		
Allisonshields (talk contribs sandboxes)	Global perceptions of autism	<input type="button" value="Add yourself as reviewer"/>
LWang1991 (talk contribs sandboxes)	Preventive healthcare	<input type="button" value="Add yourself as reviewer"/>
Jak8 (talk contribs sandboxes)	HIV/AIDS in Malawi	Jpoles1 (talk contribs)
		Brookeethleen (talk contribs)
		<input type="button" value="Add yourself as reviewer"/>
Sessama7 (talk contribs sandboxes)	Racism in France	Brodgers15 (talk contribs)
		Dmillar23 (talk contribs)
		<input type="button" value="Add yourself as reviewer"/>



Mistake #3:

Working with class of
300+ students.

Lesson #3:

**Keep class size under
around 30 students.**

Mistake #4:

Giving instructor too much deference in assignment design.

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**Ensure the
assignment the
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Mistake #5:

Asking students to
contribute in language
they're not fluent in.

Lesson #5:

Have students
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language they're
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The image shows a screenshot of the Wikipedia article for Desouk, Egypt. The page is in English and provides detailed information about the city, including its location, population, climate, and historical significance. The article is structured with sections for Overview, Climate, and References. A table of climate data is included, showing monthly and annual averages for temperature and precipitation. The page also features a sidebar with navigation options and a list of external links.

Desouk
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Desouk (Arabic: دسوق *Ḍasūq*, Egyptian Arabic pronunciation [dɪsˤuːk]) is a city in northern Egypt. Located 80 km east of Alexandria, it belongs to Kafr el-Sheikh Governorate and had a population of 128,804 inhabitants as of 2008.^[?]

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Overview (edit source | edit meta)

Desouk is a member of the **Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities**,^[?] because there are important Islamic shrines in the city, like The tomb of Saint "Israhim el-Desouki" (13th century) is located in the great mosque in the centre of Desouk. His descendants live in Desouk, Alexandria, Cairo, and many live in the UK and USA.^[citation needed]

Desouk lies on the Nile, on the eastern banks of the Rosetta branch, where there are only two bridges to enter the city.

Many important Egyptians hail from Desouk: Yousef el-Manly, **Armed Zewail**,^[?] Mohammed Roudy, **Swagih Ashmashah**, and Abdel-Salam Mohamed Nasser, a famous politician in the city.

Climate (edit source | edit meta)

Köppen-Geiger climate classification system classifies its climate as hot desert (BWh), as the rest of Egypt.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high °C (°F)	20.4 (68.7)	21.0 (70.0)	22.0 (71.6)	23.0 (73.4)	24.0 (75.2)	25.0 (77.0)	26.0 (78.8)	26.0 (78.8)	25.0 (77.0)	24.0 (75.2)	23.0 (73.4)	22.0 (71.6)	23.0 (73.4)
Daily mean °C (°F)	12.4 (54.3)	13.1 (55.6)	14.0 (57.2)	15.0 (59.0)	16.0 (60.8)	17.0 (62.6)	17.0 (62.6)	16.0 (60.8)	15.0 (59.0)	14.0 (57.2)	13.1 (55.6)	12.4 (54.3)	14.0 (57.2)
Average low °C (°F)	1.4 (34.5)	2.0 (35.6)	3.0 (37.4)	4.0 (39.2)	5.0 (41.0)	6.0 (42.8)	6.0 (42.8)	5.0 (41.0)	4.0 (39.2)	3.0 (37.4)	2.0 (35.6)	1.4 (34.5)	3.0 (37.4)
Precipitation mm (inches)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)	26.0 (1.02)
Mean monthly precipitation (inches)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)	1.02 (26.0)

Source: Climate-Data.org^[?]

See also (edit source | edit meta)

- Bah
- Desouk SC
- Desouk Stadium
- Desouk
- Kafr el-Sheikh
- Kafr el-Sheikh Governorate
- Alexandria
- Desouk Bridge

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External links (edit source | edit meta)

- The official site of Presidency of Desouk City of (Arabic)
- The official site of Kafr el-Sheikh Governorate of (Arabic, English)

External links (edit source | edit meta)

- Desouk portal
- Egypt portal
- Geography portal

Wikimedia Commons has media related to Desouk.

Main Egyptian cities (edit)

Categories (0): Populated places in Kafr el-Sheikh Governorate (0) (x) | Cities in Ancient Egypt (0) (x) | Ancient Greek sites in Egypt (0) (x) | Desouk (0) (x) | (0)

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Your questions!

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