



# Training needs of university students

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Very often we find teachers who forbid their students to use Wikipedia to perform their assignments in class, mostly due to the fact that they do not know how to use it correctly.

Since the creation of Wikipedia in 2001, numerous studies have been carried out on the use of Wikipedia in classrooms, but have barely analyzed the way students should use this tool, and whether their current usage is correct or not.

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## Moment

Wikipedia is an excellent work tool for the beginnings of an investigation of which data are unknown. In a clear and simple way summaries of certain topics are shown, but it must be born in mind that it is in books and specialized magazines where the students will find more depth on these topics. The information contained in Wikipedia is very useful, but you must know when and how use it.

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