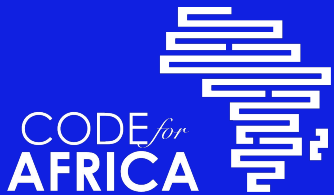# Creating Courses on Wikiversity

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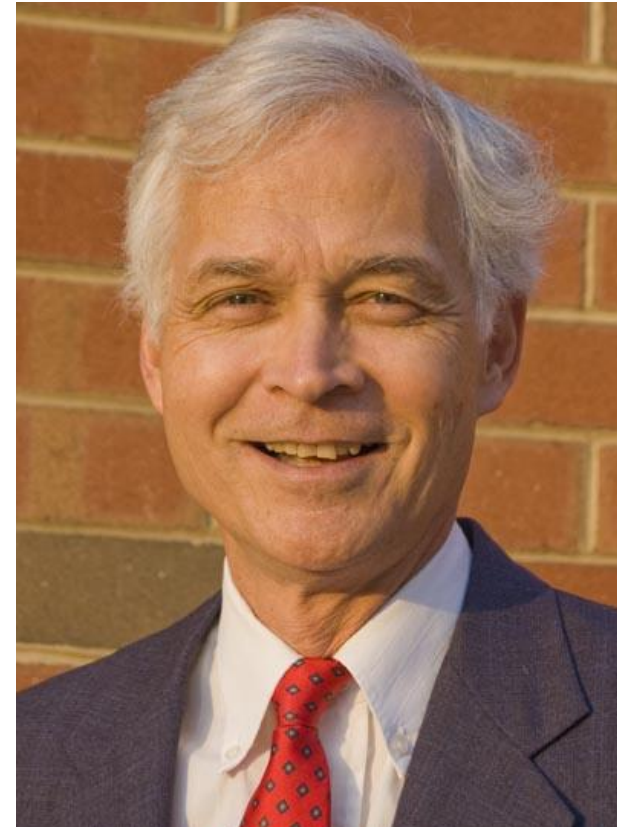
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Learning Objectives

- At the end of this session, the participants will be able to Create, improve, and learn from Wikiversity Courses.
- Adapted from: Wikiversity Creating Wikiversity Courses

Wikiversity

planning

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Why Wikiversity?

- Invite millions of students into your classroom, today and for years to come.

- Materials are freely available, worldwide, enduring, and continuously improved.

- The future of education is learning!

- Fun!

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Step by Step

1. Choose your topic, Identify related topics
2. Understand Intellectual Property Issues
3. Write the course in a word processor
4. Choose the title
5. Include learning objectives
6. Leverage existing Wikimedia Resources
7. Include Images, References, Assignments, and Reading List
8. Choose Categories
9. Edit and import the document
10. Preview and publish the document
11. Establish useful links
12. Relax, Reflect and Repeat!

Choose your topic

- Chose a topic that you are expert in, or at least familiar with.
- Consider who will benefit from the course.
- Do your research.
- Write clearly and accurately addressing your target audience.
- Browse Wikiversity to identify related topics
  - Identify existing Wikiversity courses related to this topic.
  - Link, reference, or yield to and improve existing topics.
  - Study the best examples of existing materials.
- Ensure your contribution is new and useful.

Intellectual Property Issues

- All text is available under Creative Commons
- Freely available worldwide, instantly and irrevocable.
- If you don't want to give the materials away, don't contribute to Wikiversity.
- Only include materials that are original to you or that are already available under the creative commons license.

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Wikiversity

Developing materials

Create on a Word Processor

- Develop the course on a word processor.
- Format the document generally as you would like the completed course to appear.
- Pay attention to the heading levels.
- The table of contents will be generated automatically by the system based on the headings.
- Note that fonts and various text styles will be imposed by the Wiki system, so don't spend time fussing with these. Express your creativity elsewhere.

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Choose the Title

- Chose the title carefully.
- Include a verb.
- The title will become the file name and the search term used to find the resource.
- Ensure the title is unique within Wikiversity by searching for it.

Leverage Existing Wikimedia Resources

- The existing Wikimedia resources contain a wealth of information.
- Leverage these existing materials when creating your courses.
  - For example, find existing Wikipedia articles on the various topics mentioned in your course.
- Link to these from your course rather than replicating existing information.
- Use internal links (interwiki links) rather than external links whenever possible.
- The help page on interwiki linking provides useful guidance.
- The help page on links and wikilinks is also helpful.

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Include ...

- Images
  - From Wikimedia Commons
  - Your original work
  - Not copyrighted images grabbed off the web
- References
- Assignments
- Recommended Reading List

Choose categories

- Wikiversity uses categories to organize learning resources and to help students find relevant learning resources.
  - Listed at the bottom of the course
- Assign each learning resource to a few well-chosen relevant categories.

Wikiversity

Publishing the Course

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Prepare to Edit!

- Create your Wikiversity Username and associated account.
- Click on the link in the upper right-hand corner of the page to create your account.
  - Then create your user page.

- Be sure to log in as a user before editing Wikiversity pages.

- There are two editors available in Wikiversity.
  - Visual Editor (newer) - Import using the Visual editor
  - Source Editor (older) - Detailed fix-ups using the source editor.

Import the Document

Follow these steps to import the document into Wikiversity:

1. Navigate to the Wikiversity main page.
2. Enter the exact title into the Wikiversity search field and start the search.
3. The system will respond with: **"Create the page 'Title of your new course' on this wiki! See also the search results found."**
4. Click on the red link to open a new page with an editing window.
5. Select the visual editor using the pencil icon in the right upper corner of the editing window.
6. Copy and paste the text of your course into this editing window.

Preview the Course

1. Click on the "Show preview" button at the bottom of the editing window.
2. Carefully examine the course preview. Correct any errors. Pay particular attention to the Wikilinks to ensure they are correctly formed as interwiki links.
3. Check the references automatically generated at the bottom of the page to ensure these are correctly linked and correctly documented.

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Publish the Course

1. Complete the "edit summary" by briefly describing the changes you have made. (e.g. "created a new course")
2. Click on the "Publish page" button to publish your page!

Establish Useful Links

- To help students find this course, establish links to it from related courses.
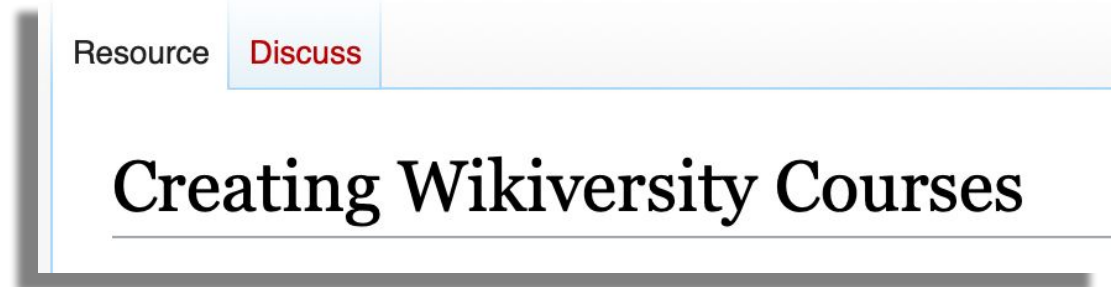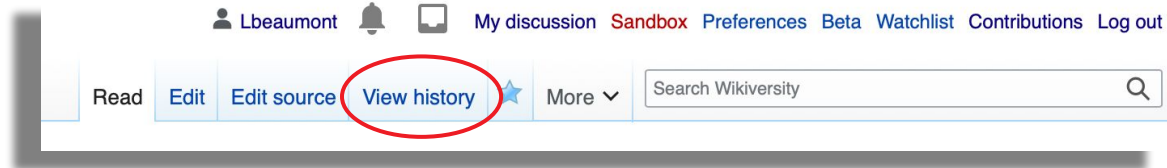- Consider linking to those courses.

Relax,

- Congratulations, you have created and published a Wikiversity course for all the world to benefit from forevermore!

- Relax, reread the published course, reflect on any improvements that you can make to increase its usability and utility.

Reflect,

1. Click on the "View history" tab from time to time over the next few days, weeks, and months.
2. Monitor the change history log and revert any changes that do not improve the course.
3. Tell your friends about the course and encourage them to study it and consider becoming Wikiversity course developers themselves.
4. Notice the *Discuss* tab next to each page's *Resource* tab. This is often referred to as the talk page. It is used to receive messages from users about the course. Monitor this page to stay alert of users' suggestions.
5. Use the course in a variety of learning modes.

and Repeat

Begin thinking about the next course you will create and begin creating that new course!

Questions?

Fire away!
5 minutes ⏰

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