Using the UBC Wiki to Enhance Learning through Open Assignments







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October 2025

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Awards are teaching and learning
awards that recognize outstanding
work done by faculty materially
advance the use and impact of OER at
UBC.

The award program consists of **one individual** and **one team-based award** of \$5,000 each year per campus.

https://open.ubc.ca/oer-award/



We hope you will leave this session with:

- A rationale for using wiki based assignments in your class
- Reflections on different types of student projects the UBC Wiki can enable
- Considerations for effective use of the UBC Wiki
- Where to get help and support



Slides Available Here:





Why Open Assignments

Open pedagogy could be considered as a blend of strategies, technologies, and networked communities that make the process and products of education more transparent, understandable, and available to all the people involved.

Quotes about open pedagogy:

- "the ability for learners to shape and take ownership of their own education" (<u>Devon Ritter</u>)
- "connect with a broader, global community" (<u>Tannis Morgan</u>)
- "teacher as 'the' authority vs. students being able to bring other sources of authority" (<u>lim Luke</u>)
- "a social justice orientation caring about equity, with openness as one way to achieve this" (Maha Bali)

Attribute 1: Participatory technologies	use for interacting via Web 2.0, social networks and mobile apps
Attribute 2: People, openness, trust	develop trust, confidence and openness for working with others
Attribute 3: Innovation & creativity	encourage spontaneous innovation and creativity
Attribute 4: Sharing ideas & resources	share ideas and resources freely to disseminate knowledge
Attribute 5: Connected community	participate in a connected community of professionals
Attribute 6: Learner generated	facilitate learners' contributions to OER
Attribute 7: Reflective practice	engage in opportunities for reflective practice
Attribute 8: Peer review	contribute to open critique of others' scholarship

Hegarty's Attributes of Open Pedagogy from: Hegarty, B. (2015) Attributes of open pedagogy: a model for using open educational resources Educational Technology, July-August, CC-BY 4.0

student as producer

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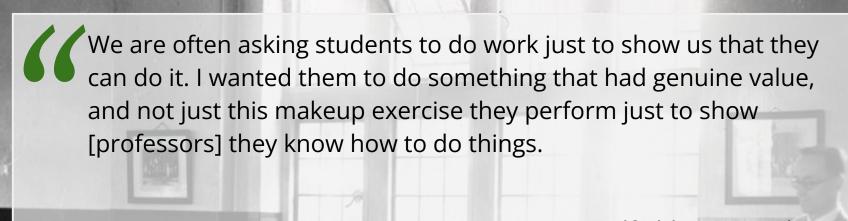
MANIFESTO

STUDENT AS PRODUCER RESTATES THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY RECONNECTING THE CORE ACTIVITIES OF UNIVERSITIES, I.E., RESEARCH AND TEACHING, IN A WAY THAT CONSOLIDATES AND SUBSTANTIATES THE VALUES OF ACADEMIC LIFE

THE CORE VALUES OF ACADEMIC LIFE ARE REFLECTED IN THE QUALITY OF STUDENTS THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN AIMS TO PRODUCE

STUDENT AS PRODUCER EMPHASISES THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT A
COLLABORATORS IN THE PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE

THE CAPACITY FOR STUDENT AS PRODUCER IS GROUNDED IN THE HUMAN ATTRIBUTES OF CREATIVITY AND DESIRE, SO THAT STUDENTS CAN RECOGNISE THEMSELVES IN A WORLD OF THEIR OWN DESIGN



-Dr. Rosie Redfield, UBC Zoology



Questions to Consider:

- Are students asked to create new artifacts or revise/remix existing OER (open educational resources)?
- Does the new artifact have value beyond supporting the learning of its author?
- Are students invited to publicly share their new artifacts or revised/remixed OER?
- Are students invited to openly license their new artifacts or revised/remixed OER?





The UBC Wiki

The UBC Wiki

http://wiki.ubc.ca

- Built on mediawiki (same technology as Wikipedia)
 - Been running since 2006, 105,872+ pages
- Only editable by CWL users (UBC community)
 - Shared Space for the UBC Communityguidelines are more flexible compared to Wikipedia.
- Anyone can view articles public

UBC Wiki Project Examples:FNH200

https://wiki.ubc.ca/Course:FNH200

Course:FNH200

Course Description

Students are introduced to chemical and physical properties of foods; issues pertaining to safety; nutritive value and consumer acceptability of food, food quality and additives; food preservation techniques and transformation of agricultural commodities into food products; foods of the future

This course is required in the Food, Nutrition and Health Program and will also be of value to students in other programs in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems, or in other disciplines including those in the life sciences, health care professions, human kinetics or physical education, who wish to enhance their understanding of the science of food.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, successful students will be able to:

- · Describe tissue-based (both plant and animal) food systems, fluid food systems and various dispersions important to food quality;
- Describe the role of chemical reactions, enzymes, and microorganisms in food spoilage, food preservation and food-borne disease;
- Describe the regulations and agencies that are in place to ensure the quality and safety of the Canadian food supply;
- Describe food processing methods and their application in the conversion of raw materials into food products;
- Develop personal food selection and food handling habits that will minimize your risk of contracting food-borne or water-borne disease;
- Illustrate the importance and role of chemical reactions, enzymes and micro-organisms in food spoilage, food preservation and food-borne disease.
- Describe various types of food processing and packaging systems:
- Understand the need for and appropriate applications of food processing;
- Rationalize and articulate a personal set of values related to your decisions pertaining to selection of food products;
- Demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate the validity of information that commonly appears in newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and internet.



UBC Wiki Project Examples: CONS 200

- https://wiki.ubc.ca/Course:CONS370
- https://cases.open.ubc.ca/

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Course:CONS200

(Redirected from CONS200)

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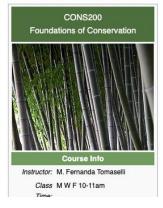
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Past Projects

Help and Resources

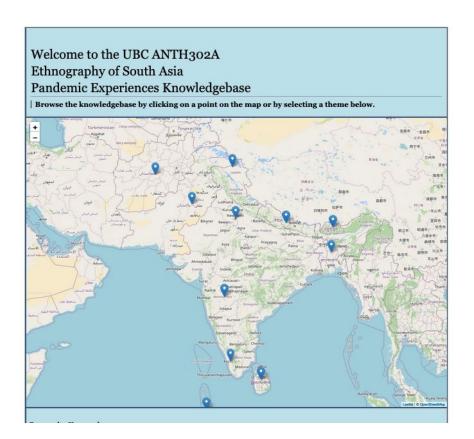
This is the Wiki Project Page for CONS200. The Open Case Studies project at UBC brings together faculty and students from different disciplines to write, edit, and learn with case studies that are free and open--they are publicly available free of cost, and they are licensed to allow others to revise and reuse them. As part of CONS200, you have the opportunity to create valuable educational resources that can be used worldwide. You will create a wiki article to demonstrate (a) your ability to extract and summarize relevant information and (b) your capacity to rationalize and present logical arguments for further evolution or progress on some aspect of your case study.





UBC Wiki Project Examples: ESA

<u>UBC ANTH302A</u>
 <u>Ethnography of South Asia</u>
 <u>Pandemic Experiences Knowledgebase</u>



TORTS

Documentation Discussion

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COMMON LAW TORTS WIKI

Exploring the (Canadian) common law of torts

Tort law is a branch of private law & that recognizes and responds to wrongdoing between people. This wiki commentary explores and explains the nature and relevance of the common law of torts in Canada. We hope you find this free and accessible resource useful for your studies, classroom discussions, and overall understanding of this subject.

About

The Common Law Torts Wiki was developed over 2023-25 under the editorial supervision of Samuel Beswick . Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law, through a project with Allard Law JD students Gabriella Pasolli 2, Cléa Catona 2, Lillian Callender 2 and Alirod Ameri & (summer 2023) and Joev He & and Malik Dhami & (summer 2024). It was supported by a UBC Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF) Small Innovation Project Grant. The guiz exercises that are integrated throughout were developed with former Allard Law students Maddison Zapach 27 (summer and fall 2021) and Parm Rai (summer 2020). The wiki is a living resource that is updated and improved from timeto-time.

Contribute

Law students and scholars who have ideas to contribute to the development of this commentary on the common law of torts are encouraged to reach out ≥ to Prof. Beswick. Contributions generally should comply with the wiki content and style guide. UBC affiliates can make minor error corrections or updates directly by logging in with their CWL account. Non-UBC affiliates may contact Prof. Beswick attaching suggested content additions or edits.

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TORT LAW

CASEBOOK 12

Introduction

Dignitary Torts

Defamation • Discrimination • Harassment · Intentional infliction of mental suffering . Invasion of privacy . Trespass to the person

Property Torts

Interference with goods . Interference with land . Non-natural use of land . Private nuisance · Public nuisance

Negligence Tort

Duty of care . Breach of duty . Damage . Causation · Remoteness

Negligence Categories

Employment · Environmental pollution · Harmful products . Hosting patrons and quests . Infliction of mental injury . Misrepresentation · Occupation of premises · Professional services · Public authorities · Pure economic loss · Dalatianal accommis lass - Descuera -

https://wiki.ubc.ca/Documentation :Torts

Math Exam Resources

Hint 2

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(Solution 2) Observe that the integrand is an even function.

Checking a solution serves two purposes: helping you if, after having used all the hints, you still are stuck on the problem; or if you have solved the problem and would like to check your work.

- If you are stuck on a problem: Read the solution slowly and as soon as you feel you could finish the problem on your own, hide it and work on the problem. Come back later to the solution if you are stuck or if you want to check your work.
- If you want to check your work: Don't only focus on the answer, problems are mostly marked for the work you do, make sure you understand all the steps that were required to complete the problem and see if you made mistakes or forgot some aspects. Your goal is to check that your mental process was correct, not only the result.

Solution 1

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As suggested in the hint, we can write

$$\int_{-2}^{2} (1-2|x|) \ dx = \int_{-2}^{0} (1-2|x|) \ dx + \int_{0}^{2} (1-2|x|) \ dx.$$

Then we have

$$\int_{-2}^{0} (1-2|x|) \ dx = \int_{-2}^{0} (1+2x) \ dx = \left[x+x^2\right]_{-2}^{0} = 2-4 = -2,$$

and

$$\int_0^2 (1-2|x|) \ dx = \int_0^2 (1-2x) \ dx = \left[x-x^2\right]_0^2 = 2-4 = -2.$$

We conclude that the value of the original integral is -4.

Answer: The correct answer is C.

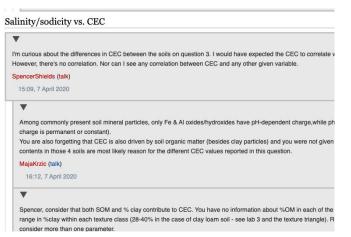


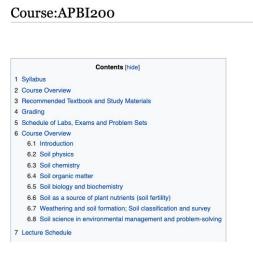
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UBC Wiki Project Examples: APBI200

Course Discussion

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Outcomes

- Quality of work went up significantly
- Viewing went from dozens to thousands
- Students learn open culture, wiki editing, keep their work
- Contribution to public knowledge, can easily be republished and remixed
- Increased interactions with local and global community

Students as Scholars:

Forestry students create content on UBC Wiki

Two years ago the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT) developed UBC Wiki, a platform for student-created content, part of UBC's goal to train and inspire the next generation of global leaders. UBC Wiki pages facilitate the student as synthesizer of knowledge that is freely shared with the global community.

With support from Will Engle and his team at CTLT. Janette Bulkan of the department of Forest Resources Management, worked with students in 3 courses - 2 undergraduate and 1 graduate - to create over 140 UBC Wiki pages on a range of forest and conservation topics. Only media elements under a Creative Commons License can be used in a Wiki page. so students learn about intellectual Property Rights issues in a direct way. In addition students surveyed by CTLT

listed increasing confidence in their own intellectual prowess, learning how to conduct research and working collaboratively among the benefits they gained while creating their pages, some now listed on their CVs.

A counter at the bottom of each Wiki page keeps track of the number of page views. Traffic to many of the UBC Wiki pages is impressive. The Wiki page on Illegal logging imports in India by Stephanie Lee, Master of International Forestry graduate (2017), has been viewed > 4,000 times. That page was the first item listed in a recent Google search of key words, 'illegal logging' and 'India'

A page on the Flathead Valley: - a Forest of the Ktunaxa Peoples of Canada and the Kootenai Peoples of the United States by TransforM student, Braydi Rice, led a researcher with shared interests to reach out to her so as to continue the conversation.

So far, 29 of the UBC Wiki pages are the work of group collaborations; with the rest produced by individual students. Their topics are situated in 48 countries. Twenty-three pages are devoted to Canadian issues and 12 to Chinese, issues. Other pages focus on examples of collaborative management involving Indigenous Peoples or local communities.

You can listen to 4 students from the most recent Foundations of Conservation' course talk about their experiences while creating a Wiki page by following this link: https://ctlt. ubc.ca/2018/03/26/open-dialoguesusing-wiki-pages-to-advance-studentcreated knowledge/

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Considerations

Risk

"Risk is ever-present with open pedagogy, from the platforms that we utilize that mine and monetize our intellectual labour and the digital footprints that we require our students to leave in the course of their education to the open sharing of unpolished ideas and practices that leave us exposed and open to criticism and judgment. Open pedagogy involves vulnerabilities and risks that are not distributed evenly and that should not be ignored or glossed over. These risks are substantially higher for women, students and scholars of colour, precarious faculty, and many other groups and voices that are marginalized by the academy."

-Rajiv Jhangiani, Ph.D. - <u>5Rs for Open Pedagogy</u>

Privacy/Copyright Consideration

Everything on UBC Wiki is publicly viewable and searchable (images, discussions, sandbox) Which means:

- Let your students know that they are submitting their assignment in an, online space
 - consider alternative assignments for students who are not comfortable with contributing their work to public space.
- Don't require students to post any personal information such as:
 - Student number, CWL, phone no, first name and last name ,personal email address etc.
 More info on https://wiki.ubc.ca/Help:Privacy
- Students own the copyright to their own work!
 - You must have permission from them to reuse their work.

Student Motivation

 How does the wiki project align with the goals and learning outcome for the course? How have you articulated that alignment?

Do students have agency in the assignment?

Do they feel supported?





Tips, Tricks, and Getting Started

Wiki Organization

Pages on the UBC wiki are grouped into different collections to accommodate different needs:

Main

The root of the wiki is open space reserved for articles relating to UBC. It is primarily a community area for knowledge sharing about all aspects of the University.

See main space or create below:



Documentation

The Documentation space is provided for documentation, support guides, technical manuals, and other similar content. Here is an example of how it can be used.

See documentation space



Course

Course-based content or activities should go into the Course space. See Using the UBC Wiki for Course Work for more information on how to add pages to this space.

See course space

Create a New Course Page			
Course:			
	Create Course Page		

Sandbox

The Sandbox is your notebook; it's a place to work, do projects, collaborate, experiment, or just play with the Wiki.

See sandbox space

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Starting a new Course page

? How to use this Wiki Overview • Help • Formatting • Questions • Explore

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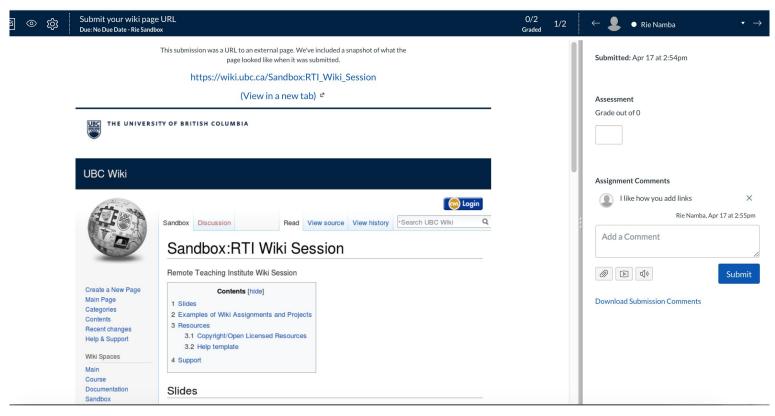
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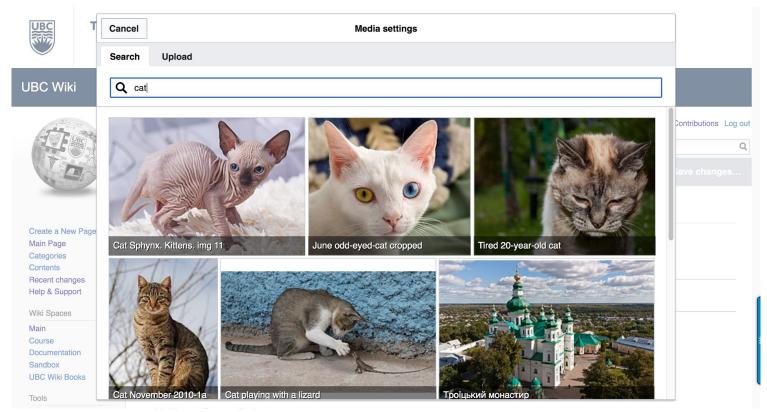
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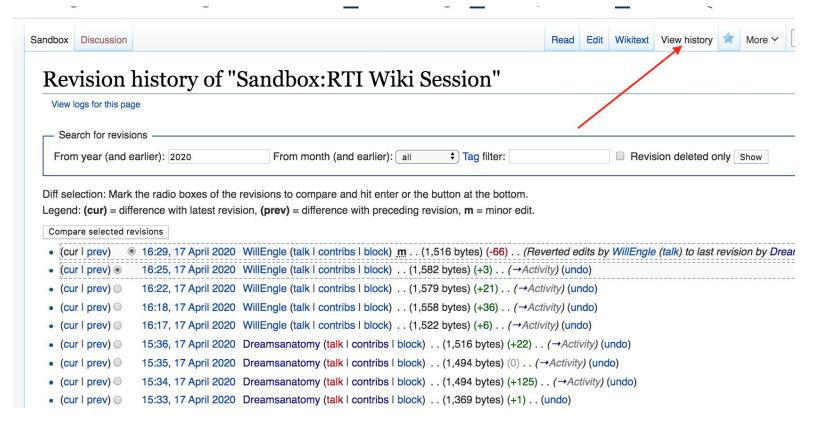
Grade the wiki project using Speedgrader in Canvas



Using Images from Wikimedia Commons

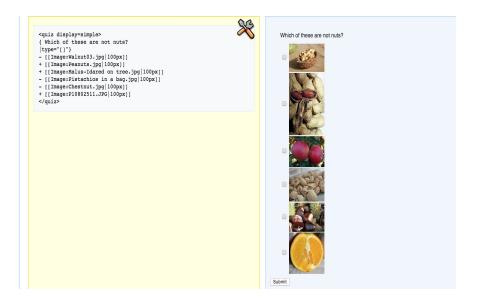


Revision History/View History



Self Assessment

Quiz Tool: https://wiki.ubc.ca/Help:Quiz



H5P: https://wiki.ubc.ca/Help:Adding_Media/H5P

Activity: Draft a wiki assignment



List of Wiki Assignments [edit | wikitext]

Resources [edit | wikitext]

Get Help!

Resources:

https://wiki.ubc.ca/Help:Contents

Email Support:

- LT Hub (lt.hub@ubc.ca)
- Will Engle (will.engle@ubc.ca)
- Rie Namba (rie.namba@ubc.ca)

