



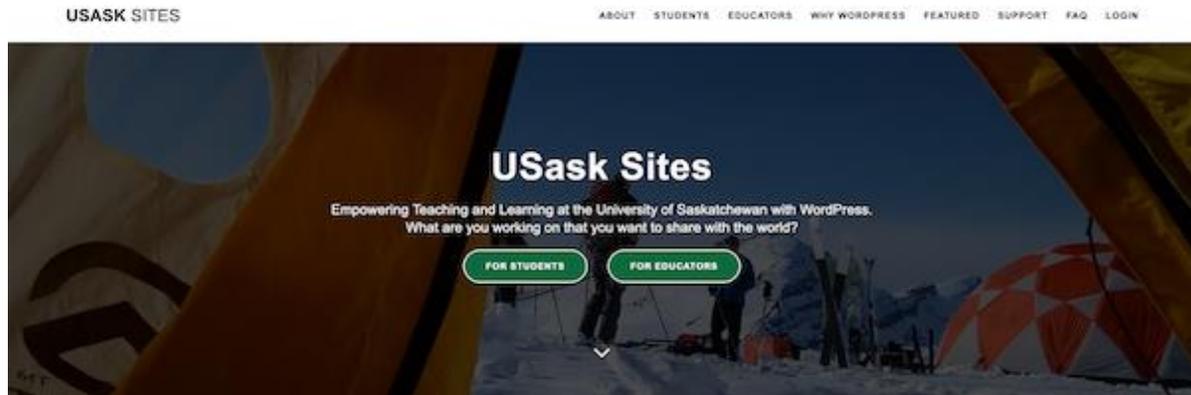
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USask Sites launches new WordPress services and website

What are you working on that you want to share with the world? **University of Saskatchewan (USask) Sites** offers students and educators their own free WordPress site to build and create a space for teaching and learning, with a set of tools that supports social, interactive, and collaborative learning. It provides a creative space to share portfolios, presentations, research, and passions online. With USask Sites, you're in control. Connect with others by sharing and collaborating in this open and creative space. Over one-third of the web is built on the WordPress platform (W3Tech, 2021) making it an ideal tool to help build your digital literacy and web design skills. Blogs, websites, portfolios, photo galleries, news feeds, and more, WordPress can power your next teaching and learning project. Visit [USask Sites](#) to see how your colleagues are

using WordPress in their courses and [get a site of your own](#).



USask Instructor increases student engagement with student blogs

In this post, we present a case study of how **student blogs** (built using WordPress, on the USask Sites network) are being used by Carrie Prefontaine, in her course **WGST 210**, to increase student engagement, build interconnectivity in student work, and help students lean more fully into the internet-immersed and media-focused aspects of the course.



[See how a USask instructor increased student engagement in an online class with student blogs](#)

Learn WordPress through LinkedIn Learning

If you are interested in using [USask Sites](#) for teaching and learning, but are new to WordPress, a great place to start is LinkedIn Learning. Visit [Welcome to LinkedIn Learning at the U of S!](#) and access with your NSID. Then search for the [WordPress 5 Essentials Training](#) course.

WordPress 5 Essentials Training is comprised of short video segments and quizzes that take just over 2 hours to complete. You can watch a few of the video segments every

day until you have completed the entire course or if you have time, complete the whole course in one sitting.

In this training course you will learn about:

- Creating posts and pages
- Formatting text
- Publishing and scheduling posts
- Adding images, audio, and video
- Bulk editing posts and pages
- Working with reusable blocks

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If you are planning to use WordPress with your students, you might want them to participate in this training too.

Get inspired! WordPress projects from educators at PressEd

PressEd is a conference focusing on how WordPress is used in teaching, pedagogy and research. Beginning in 2018, this Twitter-based sharing of works-in-progress and use cases is a great place to get inspiration and connect with others who are using WordPress in teaching and learning. At this year's PressED, DEU instructional designer [JR Dingwall](#) presented "[WordPress as an eLearning launchpad](#)", which showcased some of the work DEU has done in WordPress with USask instructors ways to integrate H5P interactive activities into your course.

DEU has selected a few presentations we think you will find interesting, but you can see the full schedule and all presentations on the [PressEd website](#):

- [Study Abroad without the travel](#) (PressEDConf21)
- [A Student-built online glossary for an interdisciplinary course](#) (PressEdConf21)
- [Collaborative blogs as a tool for advocacy and \(not\)research – The Edvisor blog and TEledvisorcommunity of practice](#) (PressEdConf20)
- [More than a lecture: story based patient safety](#) (PressEdConf19)
- [Letting Students Own Their Learning: via WordPress Blogging](#) (PressEd19)
- [Engaging students and the public through cross-class blogs](#) (PressEdConf18)
- [Using WordPress to increase agency + reflection in organic chemistry](#) (PressEdConf18)

If you want to learn more about how WordPress might be used for any of your classes, you can always [email DEU](#). We have been using WordPress for a variety of projects since 2013 and are happy to discuss and help you with your project.

DEU support and contact information

The [Distance Education Unit](#) (DEU) works with departments, colleges, and schools to develop high-quality, engaging, and innovative online classes for diverse learners. As part of your long-term online strategy, we offer a full range of administrative supports for online class delivery both on and off campus.

DEU offers a wide range of support services in Development and Delivery:

- [Instructional Design for Distance and Online Course Developments](#) as well as,
- Administrative [Support for Distance and Online Class Delivery](#)

Our Instructional Design Team is always happy to share our experiences designing online learning activities and using learning technologies effectively in online or blended classrooms and even across an entire program. Our staff can help you with questions about,

- Full online course development support
- Customized program development templates
- Learning design strategies for a unified online program
- Hybrid, multi-access and blended learning designs
- Open textbook and OER developments
- H5P and other interactive learning design
- ePortfolios and implementation
- Assessments and exam strategies for online learning
- Academic Integrity online
- Copyright clearances, acquisitions and OER licensing
- Ensuring accessibility standards are being addressed
- Ed tech support before and during delivery
- Course quality reviews and recommendations
- Resource curation and dissemination
- Non-credit learning design

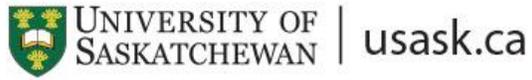
And much more. Contact us at deu.support@usask.ca to discuss your course or project.

Visit <https://sites.usask.ca/edtech/> for more helpful tips and tutorials as well as information on our support services and contact information.

If you wish to be added to the DEUD mailing list, please send your NSID to deu.support@usask.ca

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