

## Getting Started on the Blog

### How to Register (first step)

First, you need to register your username with the wordpress registrar--which is different from being registered for this class. You do the first step, getting your name in the system, and then I will add you to our blog.

If you already have a wordpress account, you do not need to register again, but please send me an email letting me know the email address with which you are registered. Regardless, everyone please drop me a quick line when you've registered, so that I know to add you.

So here is how you get signed up. Please follow the directions **closely**:

1. Go to <http://wordpress.com> <<http://wordpress.com/>>
2. At the top right of the page there is a big orange button that says "Sign up now"; Click it.
3. Fill in the boxes.  
--**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***: The first box asks you to sign up for a blog name; do not do this! Instead, click the link to the right that says "signup for just a username."  
--For a username, I suggest your first name and class year, since that is what we use in class.  
--For "email address," please use your college address. If you use a different one, please let me know by email.
4. Click "Sign up."
5. After you receive your registration email, login to wordpress (It's pretty self-explanatory from here).
6. Drop me an email, so that I know to add you to your class blog. The system will let you know when you've been added to your class blogsite, which will happen soon after you email me that you have registered.

### How to post

Go to the blog page (linked on our course website).

If you are **not** signed in, look for the "Log in" link in the "Meta" menu. This will take you to your "Dashboard."

Once you are signed in, the top left of any wordpress page will show a “W” icon. Mouse over this to see a drop-down menu. Select “New Post.”

If you are registered for multiple blogs, you will need to click the radio button on the left for the appropriate blog.

Start typing in the text box! Please give your post a title, too. When you are satisfied with your post, click “Publish Post.”

If you wish to edit your post after it is published: From the blog main page, mouse over the blog name in the upper left, and select “Dashboard.” Under “Your Stuff,” there will be a list of posts, with an “Edit” link next to any posts you have permission to edit.

There are lots of other things you can do with Wordpress, so please explore the site and come to me if you have questions.

Blog on!