About the program

• Incorporate Wikipedia editing into a course
• Students choose an article and improve it over the course of the assignment
• Generally takes the place of a major paper or assignment
• Support from Wikipedia ambassadors
Learning objectives

• Writing skills development
• Media and information literacy
• Critical thinking and research skills
• Collaboration
• Technical and communication skills (working on wiki)
Case studies

• Translate an article
• Adding photos from field trip/study abroad program to articles
• Create a video to summarize a topic
• Using Wikipedia article as a literature review before an argumentative paper
Assessment

- Early milestone exercises
- Quality of main Wikipedia contributions
- Peer review and collaboration with classmates
- Reflective essays and/or a portfolio of work
Support structure

- Campus ambassadors
- Online ambassadors
- Online training (for faculty and students)
- Online resources (incl. teaching booklets)
- In-class orientation and lab sessions
- Ambassador office hours
At Georgetown

- Georgetown was one of the original sites for the Wikipedia Public Policy Initiative
- 18 classes (Fall 2010-present)
- Support for CNDSL staff and graduate students
At Georgetown

- Introduction to the Study of the Arab World
- Theorizing Culture and Politics
- Women and Human Rights
- Refugees in the Arab World
- Arab Media
- New Media: Dissidence, Innovation, Community
- Communication Theory and Frameworks
- Art and Terrorism
- Communication Technology and Organizations
- Sport in Society
- Embattled Media: Conflict and War Journalism
- Media and Communications in the Arab World
- Film Theory in the Age of New Media
- Art and Ethics
Questions?

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