

How do I add a WordPress site to a course?

It is possible to create a course WordPress site from within Moodle. When students enter their Moodle course and click on the link to the blog, a WordPress account is automatically created for them.

Step-by-step guide

1. Log in to Moodle and navigate to your intended course.
2. In the upper-right corner, click the big gear icon and select **Turn editing on**
3. Click the **Add an activity or resource** link in the section of your choice.
4. Select the **External Tool** activity and click **Add**.
5. You will now see an options screen for the **External Tool** activity.
6. Give your new activity a name (example: EDUC 019 WordPress Site).
7. In the next field, "**Preconfigured tool!**", choose the tool type for the current semester. The format will be as follows: *Semester* *Year* WordPress Courses (example: Fall 2017 WordPress Courses).
8. Leave the next field, "**Launch URL**", blank.
9. Select **Show More...**
10. In the next field, "**Launch Container**", select **New Window** from the dropdown.
11. Scroll to the bottom and click the button marked **Save and return to course**.
12. You should now see your new activity link in your course.
13. **Click** on the new activity link to initiate the WordPress site. You will automatically be added as an admin user.
14. All enrolled participants can click on this activity link to access the WordPress site.



IMPORTANT: Importing External Tool activities from previous courses does not currently work without updating the **External tool type** (referred to in step 7). If you're having an issue it may be easiest to simply create a new External Tool for each course.

Sharing Instructions with Students

If you'd like to provide instructions for accessing WordPress from Moodle, feel free to use those provided below. Make sure to change the red text in step 3 to reflect your activity title.

1. Login in to moodle.swarthmore.edu
2. Navigate to the course.
3. Click on the link labeled: ****Your Activity name from step 6 in the above instructions****
4. A new window should open and the WordPress site should load. (If you do not see a new window please make sure to allow pop-ups from moodle.swarthmore.edu . If you continue to encounter difficulties after allowing pop-ups, please contact help@swarthmore.edu)

Related articles

- [Move One WordPress Site to Another](#)
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- [Adding an RSS feed to a Moodle Course](#)
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