

# Wiki User Policy

**Purpose** [wiki@BSU](#) provides the students, faculty, and administration of Bridgewater State University with wiki web page space as a means of communication and collaboration in support of the University's mission of teaching and learning and to conduct official University business. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the wiki is used for purposes appropriate to the University's mission.

**Policy Statement** Bridgewater State University provides wiki services to faculty, staff, and students. Use of the [wiki@BSU](#) service must be consistent with Bridgewater State University's mission of teaching and learning and comply with local, state, and federal laws and University policies.

**Applies to** This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff of Bridgewater State University and to all other users who are entitled to access [wiki@BSU](#). This policy does not supersede any existing University policy.

**Responsibilities** **Responsible Use**  
Content of a wiki space must adhere to Bridgewater State University's Responsible Use of Information Technology. Respect the rights of others by complying with all University policies regarding sexual, racial and other forms of harassment.

## Copyright

- **Permissions**

Wiki publishers should comply with copyright and trademark regulations. Graphics, video, audio, or text created by another person may not be placed on a page without demonstrated permission of the author or artist. Content deemed to be in violation of copyright law will be removed.

- **GNU Free Documentation License**

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## Images

For large images which may slow down retrieval, use a scaled-down thumbnail image and provide a link to the large image.

### **Storage Space**

Wiki space owners must keep data space usage to a reasonable level for the purpose of their wiki.

### **Confidentiality of Content**

wiki@BSU is a public web site. No confidential information should be contained in a wiki page.

### **Editing**

Editing of a wiki@BSU page requires secure login with BSU user credentials. Anonymous editing is not allowed. Do not edit wiki pages that you have not created or do not have involvement with on some level. Respect the work of others.

### **Privacy**

When editing any wiki page, recognize that your BSU username will appear in page histories next to any edits that are made.

### **Non-University Related Content**

Wiki space is reserved solely for course and administrative work in support of the University's mission of teaching and learning, including but not limited to sanctioned clubs, sports, and other University business. Wiki sites should not be created for personal use, unless related to personal course work or University business. Personal content not consistent with Bridgewater State University's mission of teaching and learning will be removed.

## **Sanctions**

### **Copyright**

BSU reserves the right to choose how to address or respond to any allegation of copyright infringement received including, without limitation, the choice of any defense under applicable law. Details on how BSU responds to allegations of on-line infringement of copyright are posted online at <https://my.bridgew.edu/departments/it/Shared%20Documents/Policies/DMCA.pdf>.

### **Responsible Use of Information Technology**

Information technology users who violate this policy and/or the [Responsible Use of Information Technology policy](#) will be subject to University disciplinary processes and procedures. Privileges to use information technology may be revoked. Illegal acts may also subject users to prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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