

Open Courseware and Open Research: Realizing Wikiversity's Potential

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Wikiversity: “wiki university”

- Materials in course format, none for credit, most under construction
- Web space for courses taught elsewhere
- Hosts original research projects
- Essays that may contain original research
- <500 contribs./day: low activity
- Organized feedback?
 - Might improve if groups of people who know a particular area become regular contributors

Improving Wikiversity

- Recruit core group of contributors
 - A few courses on wiki tasks
 - Move custodian schools for other Wikimedia projects to Wikiversity?
 - Courses about how to use the Wiki markup language, with certifications: similar program in WikiEducator
 - Better explain how to upload videos: from YouTube, MIT and elsewhere

More links to Wikiversity from
highest-traffic Wikipedia pages
(<http://stats.grok.se/en/top>)

Improve Wikiversity's visibility

Wikipedia

- Limited usefulness for university learning:
 - Research, courseware limits Wikipedia to non-formal education
 - “No original research” policy
 - Article talk, User pages, email: Can communicate with contributors knowledgeable in a particular area
 - Reliability of contributors?

Open Courseware (OCW)

- All materials come from a few sources
- MIT: no degrees offered, no built-in way to receive feedback from others
 - Text and sometimes video materials
 - Research?
- Columbia: Materials, feedback, engineering degrees 100% online
 - Tuition: Higher than on-campus courses

Academics

- Courses with defined curricula, that allow people to gain credentials
- Research: physical and financial requirements for this vary
- Access to university library materials
- System of accrediting research
- Organized feedback