Posting Your Writing Assignments on the Econ 411 Blog

Go to [https://411w15.econ.lsa.umich.edu](https://411w15.econ.lsa.umich.edu)

*Note: The site is public but only members of the course can log in and create posts.*

On the right hand side near the bottom, you will see a link that says Register. Click on this and fill out the information it asks for. Make sure you set your display name to be your actual name, not your username. You will receive an email with a temporary password.

**To change your password**
When logged in, click on your name in the top right-hand corner of the screen. Scroll down until you see the new password box. Give yourself a new password. Scroll down and ‘Save.’

![User Interface Screenshot]

Click on the “New” link in the top black toolbar and select “Post.” This will take you to the “Add New Post” page.

**Give your post a title and place the content of the post into the large input box.** Text formatting can be done via the visual editor (see next page). If your visual editor has only one line, click the last icon in the row to toggle on the second line, where you will have additional options, such as special characters and indentation. The tracker at the bottom of the content box will show you your word count. There is a required minimum word count of 400 words; if your post does not have at least 400 words, it will not be published.

**Save and Publish your post**
You may save your assignment with the Save “Draft” button in the right sidebar. Click “Preview” to see what your finished post will look like once published. Click “Publish” to submit it officially. Posts can still be edited once published.
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To add a link
Pasting a URL into the edit window will not automatically create a link. Instead you will need to:

Write out the text that you want to linkify. Highlight that text.

Once the text is highlighted, the link icon in the editor toolbar will become available. Click the link icon.

Paste or type the desired URL into the text box that comes up. Give the link a name and click “Open in new window.”

To include footnotes:
You can create footnotes by wrapping the desired note in double parentheses within the context of your post. The site will automatically convert those to clickable footnotes.

For example:
When writing out your text, any footnotes you want to make should be wrapped ((like this)).

When the post is published, the footnote will appear at the bottom. It will look:

1. like this.

Your footnotes can include text, links, and even images.

Questions about the parameters of your writing assignment? Contact your GSI.
Technical issues? Contact Sharona Ginsberg (sginsbe@umich.edu)