

ANP Online Summer Class – How to Use the Class Blog

In this tutorial, we'll be talking about the class blog. Once again I'll be using ANP 204 as an example. Once you've logged into your course site, you'll notice that most of the pages are actually static. The only page that you can contribute to is the class blog.

For some of you, the blog will be located on the home page, so that will be the first thing you see every time you log into the site. For others, the class blog will be located on a separate page. For ANP 204, it's located on the page that's called Class Blog. As you can see, the instructor has already created their own blog post. Make sure you take the time to read through that. In order for you to create your own post, you need to go back to your Dashboard. You can access the Dashboard by clicking on the link at the top of the screen.

To create your own post, you're going to go to the left hand menu and click on where it says "Posts". And then again where it says "Add New". This form is where you'll be able to create your very own post to add to the class blog. The first window is where you're going to write the title. For the sake of this tutorial, I'll just make something up.

And the next window is where you're actually going to write the body of the post. Once you're happy with whatever is in the body of the post, the next thing you want to do is make sure that you categorize it properly. Depending on your instructor, they'll have different directions on that, so make sure you follow closely. The categories are located at the bottom of the page.

Here you can see the instructor has two categories listed. Uncategorized, which is the default, and Practice Blog. We're going to go ahead and select Practice Blog so that it's categorized properly. In order for you to actually have your post appear on the class blog, you have to click on the blue button that say "Publish".

You can click on the "Save Draft" option if you're not happy with your post and you want to work on it later, but it will not appear on the site. If you don't publish it, no one else in the class will be able to see your posts, including your instructor, which is really important if you want to get credit for your assignment.

So let's see what happens if we click Publish. As you can see, your post has been published. In order to see what it looks like on the class blog, go ahead and click on the link. "View Post". And there it is.

As you can see, the title showed up, as well as the content of the body. Something else to notice is that it actually has the date and time that it was published, as well as the author of the post. Also if you look down here, it shows the category that it was posted in.

To leave a comment on somebody else's post, all you need to do is locate that post, click in the "Leave a Reply" window, and write your comment. Once you're happy with your comment, go ahead and post it to the site.

As you can see, your comment appears right below the post. To go back to the class blog, just click on the link up here. And there you go. Your post appears on the class blog. You'll notice that your post appears above the initial post. Eventually there will be a lot of posts on this page.

That's why it's helpful to have these links so you can sort by the category, or by the author. And that's it. Thank you for watching.