

Blog vs. Wiki: Which One Works for You?

Feature/Use	Wiki	Blog
Commenting	X	X
Post Files	X	
Insert images/video	X	X
Widgets	X	X
Group contributing	X	X
Privacy controls	X	X
User controls	X	X
Chronological order of content		X
Members can edit anyone's work	X	
Members can edit only their own work		X
Intended to accommodate a large amount of information	X	
RSS Feeds	X*	X
Maintains version history	X	
Archives old posts		X
Page to page linking	X	
Mobile Posting		X

Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Do I want students to work collaboratively in creating and editing a body of work?
- Do I want each individual student to keep a diary of observations, reviews, or essays for other students to read and comment on?
- Do I want the ability to post course materials, such as PDFs or Word files for students to download?
- Do I want students to create a subject guide or reserve of frequently-asked questions?
- Do I want to be able to see who made changes to what and when? Do I want to keep old versions of material?
- Do I want a resource that can be used over multiple semesters or for multiple courses?
- Am I looking to create more conversation amongst the students over a series of constantly changing topics?
- How much effort do I want to put into learning and maintaining a resource?

Recommended options for wikis
 PBWorks (www.pbworks.com)
 Mediawiki (*contact ITCS*)

Recommended options for blogs
 Blogger (www.blogger.com)
 Wordpress (www.wordpress.com)