

Creating a Virtual European Union in the Midwest

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<http://cdmyers.info/EU.html>

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10 Steps to setting up and using a class Facebook page:

1. Join Facebook. As I tell my students, you don't have to use your real name if you don't want to, and you can make an e-mail account specifically for FB purposes. You will now need to give them a phone number, but it can be a cell, office phone, etc. that you do not feel is confidential.
2. To start a FB page, go to any page and click on the create page button in the upper right. Facebook will walk you through the steps of naming your page, entering a description, contact information, etc. In many cases you can skip a step and return to it later if you choose.
3. Select and upload a Profile Picture (small, square one) and a Cover Photo (large, rectangular one).
4. "Like" pages that you think would be helpful for providing links or other content you might like to "Share" on your page.
5. Invite Facebook users you know to join (via e-mail and/or send an invitation from the page itself).
6. Instruct students to "Like" the page.
7. If you have friends on Facebook you'd like to participate, make EU group of contacts so you can post updates that only they see in their News Feeds, rather than annoying all your friends with messages. In particular, I drew their attention to new posts from the students.
8. I used the "Like" button on comments to let students know that their post was up to snuff.
9. Comment on student posts as needed to answer questions or clear up confusion.
10. For grading purposes, I mad a Word document with the students' names and recorded their progress at least twice a week...daily toward the end of the course.

Faculty from the following institutions took part in the page:

- Bath Spa University (UK)
- Lamar University (TX)
- Madison Area Technical College (WI)
- Monmouth College (IL)
- The Open University (UK)
- Oxford Brookes University (UK)
- University of Pittsburgh (PA)
- University of Stirling (UK)

Other occupations of participants:

- Barnes & Noble employee
- Administrator with Latin Link (UK charity)
- Former Peace Corps worker
- Secondary school teacher (UK)
- Self-employed artisan (UK)

Citizens from:

- England
- France
- The Netherlands
- Scotland
- Spain
- Switzerland

Hot topics:

- NSA spying scandal regarding Angela Merkel broke during the course
- Student protests (Bulgaria, Greece, Italy)
- Sports (bullfighting, soccer)
- Drinking (Germany, Ireland)
- Technology and the environment
- Music



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Today's new student posts in HIST 130: The European Union:

- Environmental activism in Poland
- EU citizenship for refugees in Malta
- Government corruption in Slovenia
- Lithuanian citizenship granted to an American figure skater
- The recent store collapse in Latvia
- And a flying car in Slovakia!

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HIST 130: The European Union

The answer to the 2nd question on tonight's Final Exam...



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Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement	Promote
12/20/2013 3:24 pm	Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and safe travels to one and all! Thanks to everyone for their posts on this			28	2 1	
12/14/2013 9:31 pm	The answer to the 2nd question on tonight's Final Exam...			35	7 1	
12/14/2013 9:02 am	As requested, here's some info on New Year's traditions in Europe...			26	1 0	
12/14/2013 5:25 am	It seemed fitting to post a link to Sweden's Icehotel given our weather after the last few hours. Hope			39	13 5	
12/13/2013 7:29 am	Ireland will be E.U. nation to exit their "international financial rescue programme." You'll see from			30	6 1	

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