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Wikipedia and Information literacy

The holder of this badge has attended the course "Wikipedia and Information literacy" organized by the University Basilicata as part of the "Competenze trasversali in Unibas" Project.

The course "Wikipedia and Information literacy" provides knowledge, skills and abilities related to Wikimedia platforms, and in particular to the free encyclopedia Wikipedia and the world of open knowledge. The developed use of these platforms has a significant impact in terms of scientific dissemination, with notable repercussions on research, information and education.

Students will develop various competences, including both the technical skills necessary to move with awareness in the mare magnum of the contemporary information ecosystem as well as the ability to insert one's research in the perspective of open knowledge (open access, open science) and collaborative production of content.

The creation of a Wikipedia entry requires a reflection on the concepts of encyclopedicity and verifiability of information as well as the familiarization with the world of free resources, open archives, digital libraries and knowledge bases.

The course is divided into four phases, in which theoretical moments and laboratory activities (prevailing) will alternate:

1. the galaxy of Wikimedia projects; the five pillars of Wikipedia; community and consensus; Creative Commons licenses; the neutral point of view; encyclopedic content;
2. first steps in Wikipedia (the user page, the discussion page and the test page); the markup language and the Visual Editor; the structure of an entry, the use of images;
3. verifiability and use of sources; information literacy, the main research techniques for information resources; evaluation of information; organization and use of data;
4. collaborative production of digital content; the structure of an entry (the templates, the notes, the bibliography); Wikipedia for the dissemination of scientific research and digital citizenship.

Skills

The owner of this Badge has proved to have the following competences:

- Ability to research, select, evaluate information
- Ability to correctly recognize and manage licenses for the use of digital content
- Ability to produce information content on Wikimedia platforms

The owner of this Badge has displayed the following soft skills:

- Ability to coordinate oneself with other users of collaborative platforms
- Ability to exercise critical sensibility in evaluating sources
- Ability to negotiate diverse contents in close dialogue with a very large community
- Ability to communicate effectively and in compliance with the code of conduct
- Ability to adopt the principles of open access to knowledge and free knowledge

The owner of this Badge has displayed an overall knowledge in:

- Wikipedia and Wikimedia projects
- Search engines, open archives, digital libraries, encyclopedias, knowledge bases
- Creative Commons licenses

Criteria

The Badge is awarded upon attendance of "Wikipedia and Information literacy". The course provides the information and digital competences necessary to orient oneself in the world of digital knowledge and to produce new content on free knowledge platforms. The course includes the study of open access digital resources, interaction with both teacher and other students as well as with the Wikimedian community.

At the end of the course, participants must produce content to be published on Wikipedia, showing that they have acquired the skills related to the search, selection and evaluation of information and their use in an environment such as the Wikimedia platforms.

The collection of information resources, the work on the Wikimedia platforms and the percentage of attendance (which cannot be less than 70% of the entire duration) are the elements upon which the final evaluation and the granting of the Badge will be assessed.

The total duration foreseen by the course is 25 hours.



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The University of Basilicata is the leading University of the Basilicata region, in the Southern part of Italy. Since 2012, according to the new University statute and rules of procedure, ex D.R. n. 88/2012, the University of Basilicata is organized through six primary structures (precisely four departments and two schools) in which the functions and the personnel of the pre-existing twelve departments and eight faculties have been re-addressed. Degree programs range from the Humanities, to architecture, archeology, education, economics and management, as well as to the STEM disciplines (hard sciences, agriculture, engineering, computer sciences). Such degree programs are effectively connected to the research, training and third mission activities developed by the primary structures. University of Basilicata counts about 7000 students, and is based in the cities of Potenza and Matera.



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