Using Simple Syllabus in Your Canvas Course

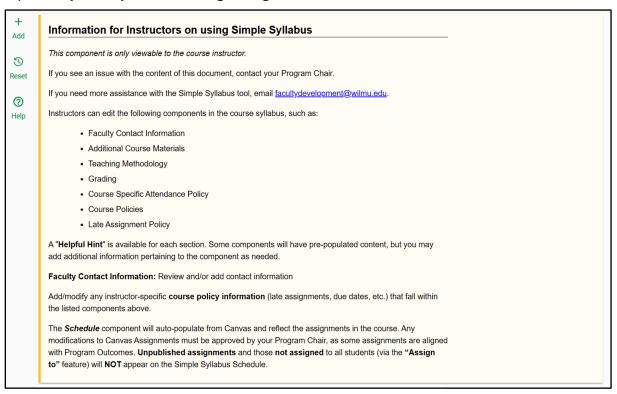
Step 1: Access the Syllabus

Log into your Canvas course.



Click the **Simple Syllabus** link from your course navigation menu. *Note: Your personalized Simple Syllabus is not public. Students can only view your updated syllabus in Canvas*

Upon clicking on Simple Syllabus, you will see *Information for Instructors Using Simple Syllabus*. Scroll down and edit components applicable to you. Simple Syllabus autosaves repeatedly while you are making changes.

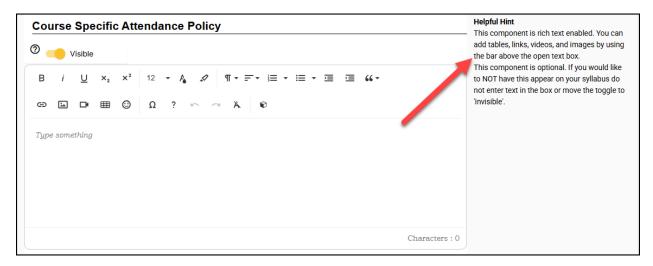


Step 2: Edit the Syllabus

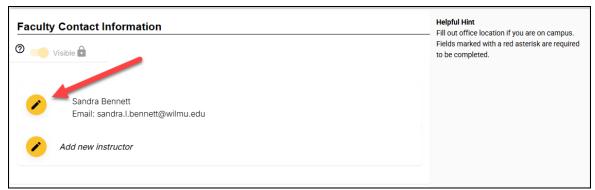
Each syllabus features components that make up the different sections for the entire document. Some components are editable while others are auto populated by the system or locked by the University or your college. Components that are locked cannot be edited.

- 1. Parts of your Syllabus are already filled in. Scroll through the page and make your necessary changes in the components open for editing. You can either begin typing directly in an open text box or select the pencil icon to make edits.
- 2. Basic information has been populated into the syllabus (e.g., course number, CRN, course name and term; instructor name; course information; technical requirements, etc.) In these components, you cannot edit them.

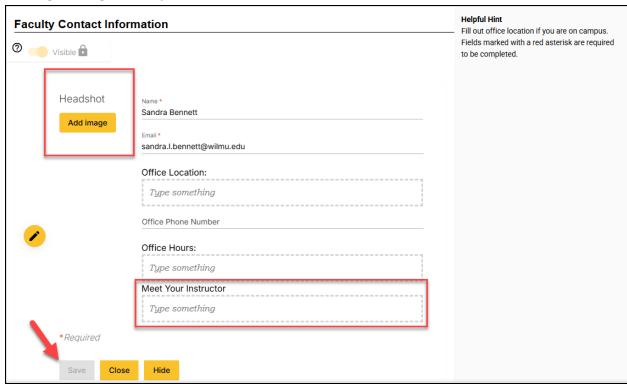
NOTE: On the right side of each editable component, you will see a "Helpful Hint," which suggests what you can put in that field.



Throughout the syllabus, you will see various types of syllabus components for you to enter/edit information: If the syllabus component looks like this, click the pencil icon to edit the information in that field.

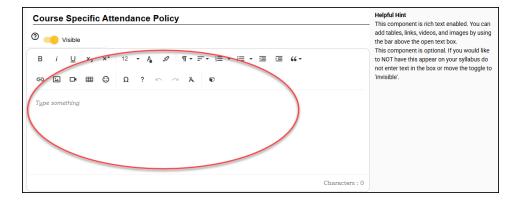


*Double-check that your full name and WilmU email address are correct. Use the Helpful Hints in the right margin to help with additional information to include in this section.



 Click Save when you have entered the additional information for Faculty Contact Information.

If the syllabus component looks like this, just type your information into the text box and use the formatting toolbar across the top to edit the text. Note* Visible or Invisible Component Setting: Within each component, it may be set to be visible or invisible. Visible means that this component appears on the finalized version of the syllabus. Invisible means that the component is not displayed on the published version of the document. Note: Leaving a component blank will also render it invisible on the syllabus. Some areas are "optional" components. If a text box is blank and not filled in, this component will not show on your syllabus.



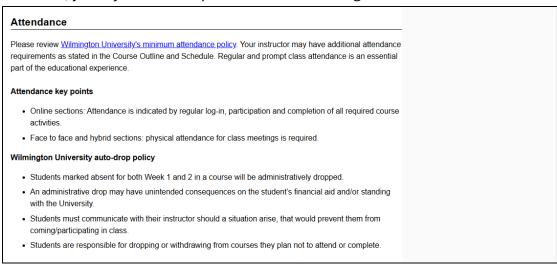
The Assignment Schedule will auto-populate from the assignments, exams, etc., that are given due dates in Canvas. Simple Syllabus updates nightly to include new due dates.

• Note: This list may change if new assignments are added or published in Canvas.



Some syllabus components, such as university policies, are required and cannot be edited by the instructor as they are pushed out from the administrative level. Editing features are not visible/available on these components.

• Note: If the required components are updated at the administrative level during the semester, your syllabus will update with those changes.

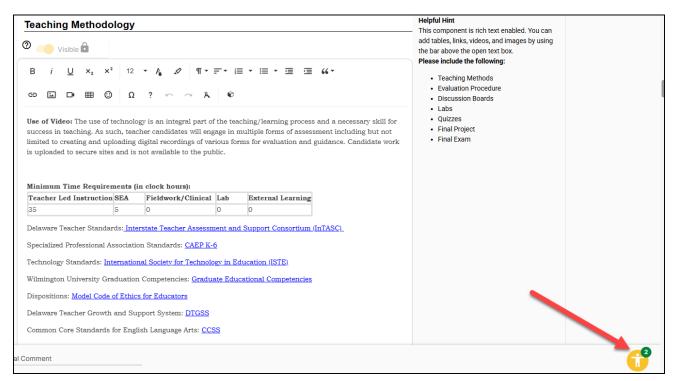


You can add additional components (fields) to the syllabus by clicking the **Add New Component** button at the bottom of the syllabus.



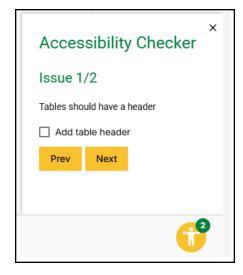
Step 3: Review the Syllabus and Check Accessibility

The Accessibility Checker can be found in the lower right-hand corner of your syllabus.



To ensure your syllabus is accessible to all students, follow these steps to use the Accessibility Checker:

- Open Accessibility Checker by selecting the accessibility checker icon located on the bottom right of the screen. The tool will scan your syllabus for accessibility issues.
- Follow the suggestions provided to improve accessibility, such as adding alt text to images, adjusting table formatting, etc.

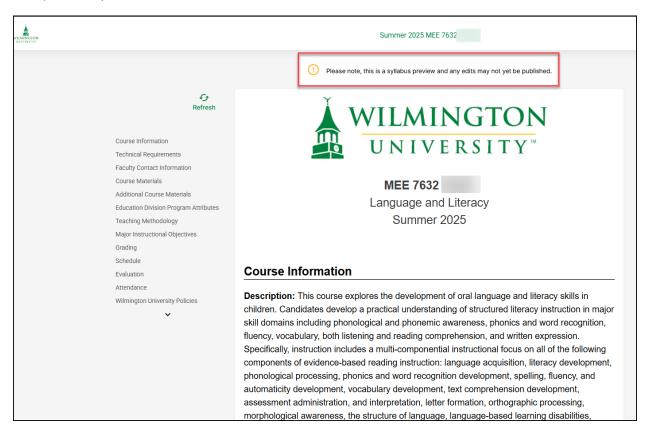


Step 4: Preview the Syllabus

After making your edits, you can preview your document by clicking the button at the bottom of the editor.



Clicking **Preview** opens a new tab that shows you what the syllabus will look like upon publishing. Student View in Canvas does not work for viewing Simple Syllabus. You will see an error message instead of the syllabus when viewing Student View. Instead, click "Preview" on the syllabus if you would like to see a finalized version of it. The student's view is the same as the preview (and the instructor view minus the "Edit syllabus" button & the analytics bar).

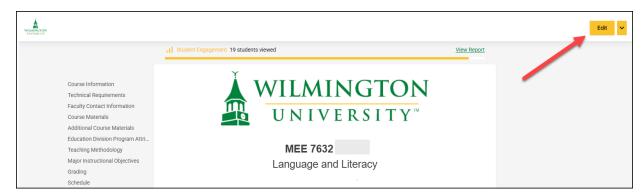


Step 4: Submit (publish) the Syllabus

At the bottom of the syllabus, there is a **Submit** button. You <u>must</u> click Submit to process your syllabus for publishing. What happens if users don't click "Submit?" Changes are automatically saved in draft form but not visible to students until you click Submit. Students cannot see your syllabus until you do this.



After previewing and submitting, you can re-edit your syllabus as much as you like. Once all the changes are saved, you can submit again. The most recent version will appear for your students. All syllabi will display the "last updated" version. Please allow a few minutes for the changes to render and populate Simple Syllabus. Click the **Edit** button in the top right corner of the syllabus and proceed to any component to make updates.



Step 5: View Student Engagement with the Syllabus

Simple Syllabus provides student metrics so faculty can identify how many students read the document and what percentage of the document was read. This feature is only available through the web version of Simple Syllabus.

In the top right of the syllabus, click the yellow button that says "View."



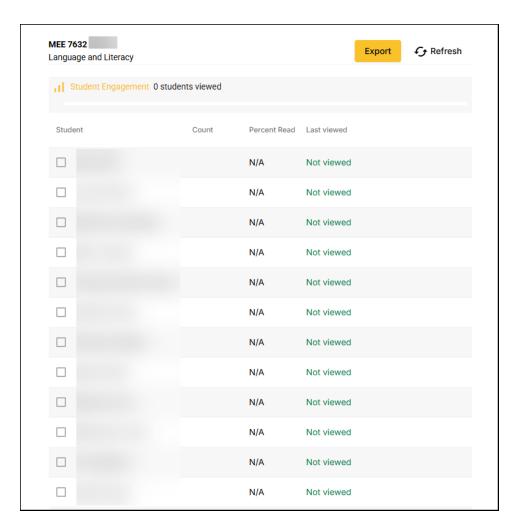
Hovering over the bar will show the number of students who have not viewed it.



- 1. Clicking on the yellow "Student Engagement" link or
- 2. green "View Report" hyperlink will open a window with a list of students enrolled in the class.



This report will not only show a list of students enrolled in the class, but the total number of times the student has viewed the syllabus, and the date and time they last viewed. When a student opens a syllabus, it is considered viewed.



If you have any questions regarding Simple Syllabus, please contact facultydevelopment@wilmu.edu.