USF Blogs For Students:
Setup Account | Join a Class Blog

For First Time Users: Create New Account and Make a New Blog

Step 1. If you have never created an account in USF Blogs, do the followings:

Visit [http://usfblogs.usfca.edu](http://usfblogs.usfca.edu), scroll down and click the green 'Get a Blog' button.

Step 2. Enter your **USF Username**, **USF Email** address. (Use xxxx@usfca.edu, no need to use @dons). Then choose default 'Gimme a site!', and click Next.
Step 3: Enter a Site Name and Site Title. Site name cannot be changed, so choose carefully.

Privacy option will be controlled by your instructor’s setting. You may choose ‘Only administrators can visit…’ initially.

As students, pick any of the three USF templates - Hiero, Wilson, Stock; or skip to use the Edublog default template. After you are finished, click the Signup button at the bottom of the screen.
The Office of Marketing and Communications has provided us with four official USF templates for our community bloggers, with one designed for using as a class. If you would like to retain the University feel to your blog, please select from any of them. You can always change to any non-USF themes if you later change your mind. However, USF blog templates are only available during initial blog creation.

Step 4: Open a new browser window and check your email. Click the **Activate link to activate your blog before going any further.**

![Activate link](image)

Step 5: After you have activated your email link, you get a confirmation as follows. Now, click the **View Your Site.**

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On the next screen, click the [old] USF Connect button and authenticate with myUSF username and password. (You do not need to use the username and password Edublog provided you in the email.)

*Always log in with your myUSF username and password.

Step 6: Themes
Your blog is defaulted to the basic responsive Edublog template unless you have chosen from one of the USF templates when you are setting up your blog. Any time you want to change your blog theme, choose Appearance > Themes.
Please note that you CANNOT change from non-USF templates to USF templates. USF blog templates are only available during initial blog creation.

** Steps 1-6 above conclude the creation of a new blog account and creating a new blog. If students wish to join the instructor’s blog, continue to Step 7.

**Signing Into Your Existing Blog**

If you have already created your account, you are a returning user. Go to http://usfblogs.usfca.edu > click Log In and sign-in with your myUSF username and password.
Join Your Instructor’s Class Blog

You need teacher’s approval to join a class blog. Your teacher would have created a class blog before you can join.

Step 7: To join your instructor’s class blog, choose My Class > Join a Class.

Enter your teacher’s blog name (find out from your instructor). Then click Send a request to join.

Teacher will see a request notification on the Dashboard of her Class Blog. Once the instructor clicks Approve, you will get an email notification of acceptance.
Sample of a student’s email notification of acceptance

(Example: Student’s email)

Step 8: After you are approved to join a class, you can now **see posts** from other students if you choose **Dashboard > Reader** on the left navigation menu. (If instructor enables this.)

(Example: Student’s personal blog view under READER)
You can also see both the Instructor’s Class Blog and your own blog if you choose Dashboard > My Sites on the left navigation menu.

Step 9: Display Class Blog As a Widget - Choose Appearance > Widgets > drag the Class Blog widget to the desired widget area.

(Example: Student’s personal blog view under MY SITES)