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About WordPress plugins

One of the key features (and downfalls) of the WordPress platform, is the availability of plugins that extend the core capabilities of a typical WordPress site. By far, the most common way for a WordPress site to be compromised is via third-party plugins. To better protect all sites within the Lehigh WordPress instance, CampusPress has developed a set of standards along with thorough review process which they use to evaluate any plugin that gets added to the repository of available plugins. While CampusPress is always reviewing plugins and keeping the repository current, the review process does take some time and some plugins fail to meet the security standards to be made available. As a result, you may notice some differences in the plugins available via a commercial instance of WordPress and Lehigh's. CampusPress does not permit anyone at Lehigh - including top-level administrators - to add plugins directly. If you discover there is a plugin you would like to use, please first review what is available as the ultimate functionality you desire is most likely accomplished by another plugin that is already available. If no alternative exists, please feel free to contact the Instructional Technology team and we will forward worthy plugin suggestions along to CampusPress for potential review.

Available plugins for frequently-requested functionality

The list below highlights a few of the available plugins based on functionality that is requested most often. For a complete list of available plugins, log in to your site and go to your Dashboard and click Plugins in the left sidebar menu.

AddThis Social Share

Add social media sharing buttons to each post for readers to share out on their social network sites. Learn more.

Calendar+

Provides an easy way to create, manage, and share your calendar and upcoming events. Learn more.

Classes

Ultimate tool for class and student blogging. It allows you to connect student blogs to your class blog where you can control the student blog privacy, comment moderation and post moderation on all student blogs with just one click. Learn more.

Compfight Safe Images

Quick and easy tool to quickly find and add Creative Commons images with proper attribution to your posts. Learn more.

Formidable Forms

Allows you to easily create forms of all shapes and sizes – and so much more. Learn more.

Google Maps

Easily embed, customize and use Google maps in posts, pages, and your sidebar. Learn more.

Jetpack by WordPress.com

Powerful plugin that adds several different features and tools to your blog (requires WordPress.com account as well to manage Jetpack account). Learn more.

Meta Slider

Enables you to quickly add a slideshow to posts, pages and sidebars. Learn more.
Simple Calendar
Add Google Calendar events to your WordPress site in minutes. Beautiful calendar displays. Fully responsive.

WP-Contact Form
Designed to add a straightforward contact form to your blog which allows visitors to your blog to send you an email.