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Blackboard journal instructions

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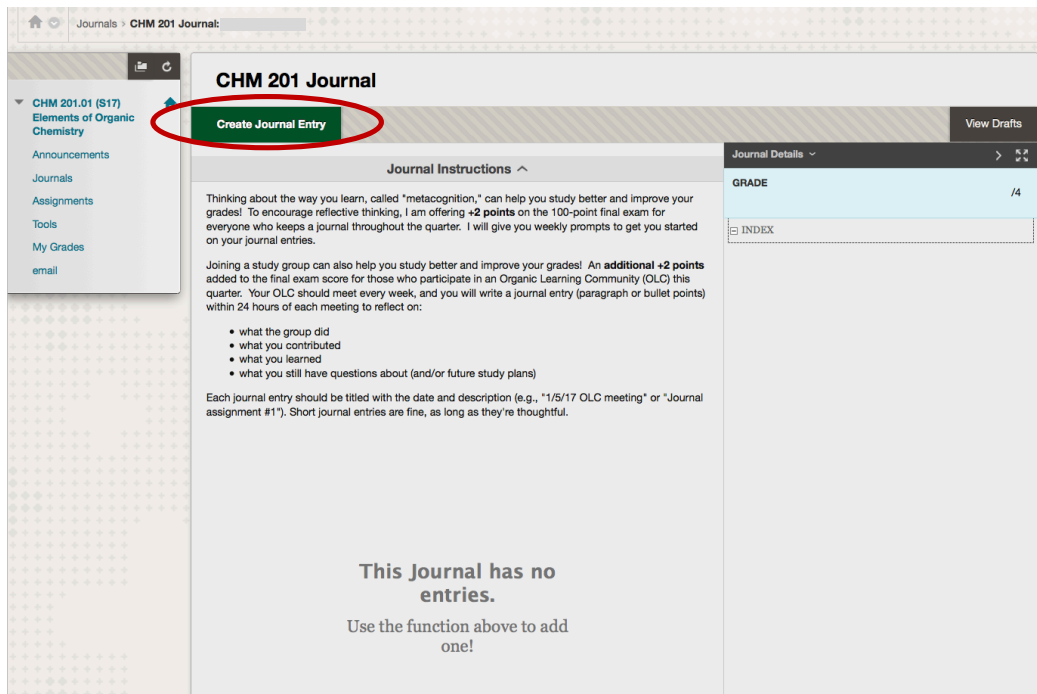
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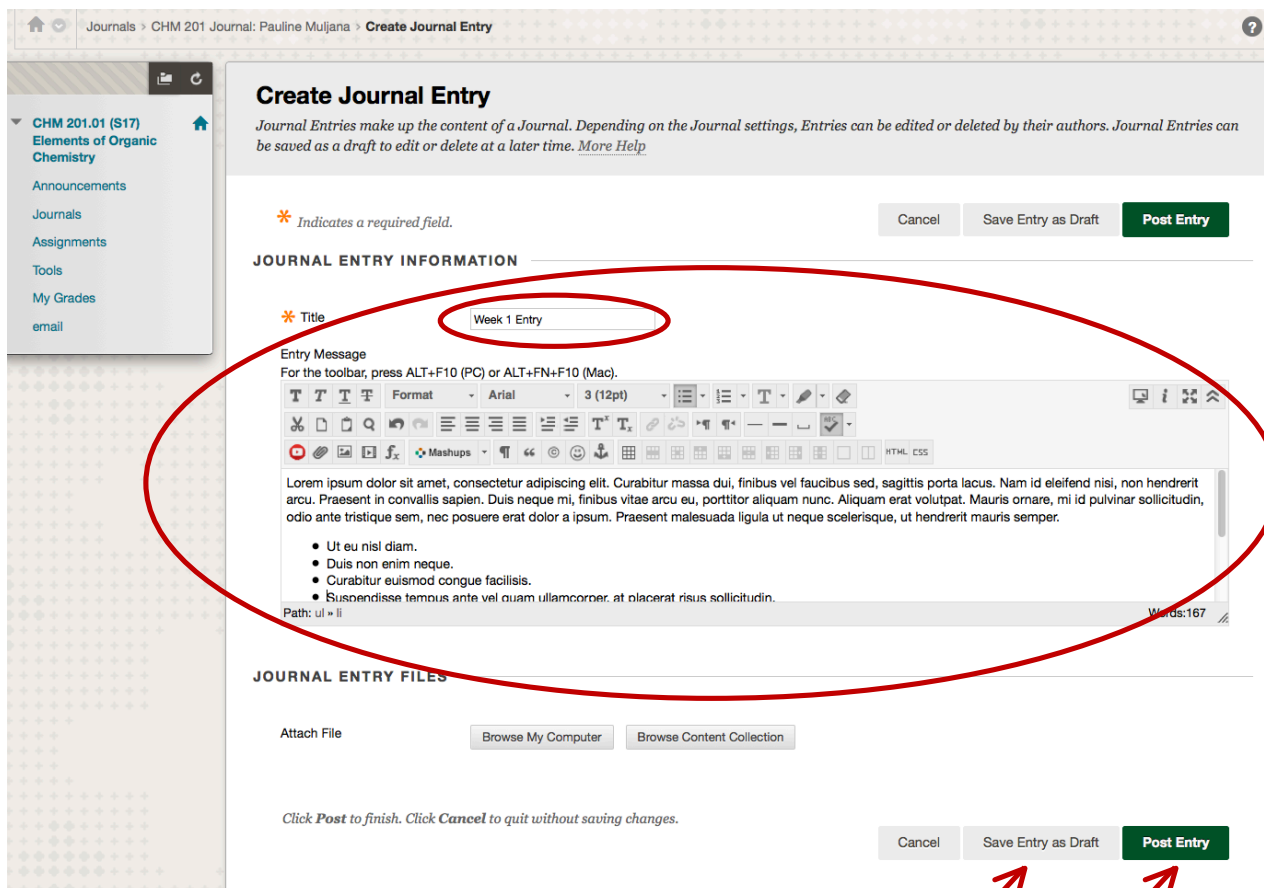
After clicking on **Journals** link on the left navigation menu, you will see something like the screenshot below. Next, click on the "**CHM ### Journal**" link. Note that this Journal is set to "Private" so your instructor is the only person who will be able to read your entries.



Next, click on the green “Create Journal Entry” button to get started.



Give your journal entry a **Title** and then use the WYSIWYG editor to type in your journal entry in the textbox. You can also attach files or link to websites, if desired. (WYSIWYG = What You See Is What You Get, which means easy formatting!)



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This Journal has no entries.
Use the function above to add one!

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The screenshot displays the 'Edit Journal Entry' interface. On the left is a sidebar with a navigation menu including 'CHM 201.01 (S17) Elements of Organic Chemistry', 'Announcements', 'Journals', 'Assignments', 'Tools', 'My Grades', and 'email'. The main content area has a header 'Edit Journal Entry' with a sub-header explaining that journal entries can be saved as drafts or deleted. Below this is a form with a title field containing 'Week 1 Entry' and a rich text editor. The rich text editor contains a paragraph of Lorem Ipsum text and a bulleted list. Below the editor is a 'Path: p' field. A section titled 'JOURNAL ENTRY FILES' shows an attached file 'Why Wont Students Ask Us for Help.pdf'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Save Entry as Draft', and 'Post Entry'. Red annotations highlight the 'Post Entry' button in the top right and bottom right, and a red arrow points to the attached file.

Edit Journal Entry

Journal Entries make up the content of a Journal. Depending on the Journal settings, Entries may be edited or deleted by their authors. Journal Entries can be saved as a draft to edit or delete at a later time. [More Help](#)

* Indicates a required field.

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JOURNAL ENTRY FILES

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Click **Post** to finish. Click **Cancel** to quit without saving changes.

Cancel Save Entry as Draft **Post Entry**

Student attached a file

This is what you will see after submitting your journal entry. Your most recent entry will always be shown at the top. Please note that there will be not “GRADE” box until the end of the term.

Success: Week 1 Entry Journal Entry Edited

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Monday, March 27, 2017

Week 1 Entry

Posted by  at Monday, March 27, 2017 10:19:37 AM

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