Drupal 8 - Creating Special Sections of Your Site.

Overview

Occasionally we’ll receive requests to create a special section of a website. Sometimes the request is for a conference, sometimes another smaller site (like study abroad programs) that was absorbed into the larger one. This collection of documents will show you how to create a special section of your site. If you like, it can have a banner image, custom menu header, and its own news, events.

Real-life examples

Some good examples include:

- Women And Girls in Georgia section of the Institute of Women's Studies website: https://wmst.franklin.uga.edu/wagg
- The Bioexpression Fermentation Facility combined their old one-off site with the new Biochemistry and Molecular Biology website using the methods below. http://bcmb.franklin.uga.edu/bff
- UGA en Buenos Aires program merged their content into the Romance Languages site: https://www.rom.uga.edu/ugaba/home
- British and Irish Studies program merged their content into the English site: http://engl.franklin.uga.edu/bisp/home
- UGA Classics in Rome study abroad program merged their content into the Classics site: http://classics.uga.edu/rome/home

A word of caution

These are intermediate to advanced topics for our content editors. If you want to “practice” before you try any of the below steps on your live site, we recommend doing so on the “staging” server. This is where a copy of your site is kept for testing purposes. If you need help locating the staging copy of your site, please put in a helpdesk ticket via helpdesk.franklin.uga.edu.
For help with the basics, please see our extensive self-help documentation under Drupal Support. If after reading through the documentation you need extra help or run into issues, please put in a ticket.

How-to documents

We'll show you how to create a special section for your website through the example of a conference. You don't need to go through all the parts. For example, you may just decide to do part one, creating the section, and part three, creating a special menu block that has a custom title.

Part One - Create a section to hold your pages

Just like we would for any other section of your site, we'll create a landing page and put some pages under it. This is a beginner to intermediate topic for content editors.

Create a special section

Part Two - Add a banner image

Though you can't have a true custom header for your special section, we can put another image over your section's content so that it looks like a header. This is an intermediate to advanced topic.

Add a banner image to your special section pages
Part Three - Create a menu block with a custom title

If you want your sidebar menu for your special section to say something other than "Main menu," follow these brief steps to create a special menu block. This is also an intermediate to advanced topic.

Create a menu block with a custom title

Part Four - Make a special category for your special section's Events

You can use the Event content type to create and tag events related to your special section. This is also an intermediate to advanced topic.

Making a special category for your special section's events