New York Times Academic Pass

Washburn University Libraries has partnered with the New York Times to offer the NYTimes Academic Pass. The NYTimes Academic Pass allows you full access to NYTimes.com and the NYTimes.com smartphone apps for 364 days from the date you activate it.

Please note that access does not include e-reader editions, Premium Crosswords or The New York Times Crosswords apps. NYTimes apps are not supported on all devices. Access to archived articles within the date range 1923-1980 is limited. You must have a valid washburn.edu email address to participate.

Setting up your account

Watch this 1-minute video about setting up your account.

Set up your account at the New York Times website

Click the link above to begin the registration process. Then:

1. Click on "Register" to create a NYTimes.com account using your Washburn email address.
2. At the bottom of the Welcome page, click "Continue."
3. You should see a notification that states, "Check your email." Look for the message, Confirm Your Email Address (the "confirmation email"), which should arrive within 15 minutes.
4. Click on the link in the confirmation email from step 3. This will simultaneously verify your eligibility and grant your Academic Pass, which will provide access to NYTimes.com for 364 days.
5. If you don't get the confirmation email, check your spam filter. If you still do not receive it, send an email from your Washburn email account to edu@nytimes.com.

Already registered with NYTimes.com, but not with your Washburn email address?

If you have previously registered on NYTimes.com, but have not registered with your Washburn email account, you will need to change your account information. To do so, log in to NYTimes.com, then click on your login name on the very upper right. When the drop down box opens, click on "My Account" and change your email address to your campus email account where indicated on the page, then hit the SAVE button. Please note that each registration provides different features; see the FAQ below for more information.

Already registered with NYTimes.com with your Washburn email?

You may have at some point registered with the NYTimes.com with your Washburn email, even though you don't have a personal subscription. In that case, in order to use the Academic Pass, you need to first login to NYTimes.com, and then follow the registration steps above. Once you receive the confirmation email from NYTimes.com, you will then have access through the Academic Pass.
Returning Users

Once you have followed the steps for first-time users and activated NYTimes Academic Pass, it should allow you full access for 364 days with no further action on your part. However, if for any reason while on NYTimes.com you see the message that you are reaching the limit of free articles on the site, do the following:

- Make sure you are logged in to NYTimes.com with your Washburn email address.
- Go to http://www.accessnyt.com/. Your pass should again be active.

Smartphone / Mobile Apps

Your Academic Pass includes access to The New York Times via the NYTimes smartphone apps. Go to the following link to access: http://www.nytimes.com/services/mobile/index.html?8qa

Once you have registered and obtained your Academic Pass, you can then access www.nytimes.com from anywhere at any time during the life of that pass from most web capable devices.

FAQs and Troubleshooting

- If you are having problems accessing your Academic Pass or are hitting a content limit, visit the NYTimes Troubleshooting Guide.

I keep having to log into NYTimes.com with my email address and password each time I want to enter the site. What can I do?

Some internet browser software provides for the user to enable "private browsing" or "incognito browsing." These settings inhibit the use of cookies and therefore the user would be prompted to log into NYTimes.com each time they want to access the site. Eliminating these setting should resolve that problem. Another issue could be automatic cache clearing setup on your computer. This would eliminate the cookie requiring the user to log into the site if the cookie has been removed.

Why use the Academic Pass to read the NYTimes Web edition?

On March 28, 2011, the New York Times began charging for access to its Web edition. Most people, except those with subscriptions, are capped at viewing 10 articles each month before charges take effect. The Academic Pass gives you access to content without cap limits.
I already have a NYTimes.com digital subscription. What should I do?

NYTimes.com does not permit a double entitlement. If you have an existing paid NYTimes.com digital subscription for which you used your Washburn email to register, you are not eligible for an Academic Pass. You should continue to access the Times via your own subscription. If you registered for your paid subscription under another of your email addresses, you CAN register for an Academic Pass.

Should I cancel my existing digital subscription to make use of the site license access?

The New York Times Academic Site License has some restrictions that your personal subscription may not have. Consider the options carefully before deciding one way or another. You may prefer to wait until your personal subscription period is over and then move to the NYTimes.com Academic Pass.

What are the restrictions?

Site license access does not include the NYTimes.com tablet apps. At this time, access to articles from the date range 1923 to 1980 is limited to 5 articles per day. This represents a change from the limit of 5 articles within the entire 364-day period. Due to technical reasons, however, previously registered users may still be limited to 5 articles over the life of the 364 day pass. Once they renew, however, the access will be as described.

Are there other New York Times resources available from the Washburn University Libraries?

Yes! Access to the backfiles of the New York Times from 1851-2015 is available via New York Times (Historical) with Index.
Full text from 1985-current is available via the News (Gale OneFile) database.

Can I access the Times from off-campus?

Yes, as long as you have registered using your Washburn email address and obtained your Academic Pass.

Can I access the Times from my mobile device?

There are mobile apps for iPhone/iPod Touch (IOS 5.0+), Android (OS 2.1+), and Windows (7.5 O.S.) phones; these are included as part of the Academic Pass. Mobile apps for tablets are not part of the Academic Pass. However, you can access the NYTimes.com mobile site (mobile.nytimes.com) or Times Skimmer (nytimes.com/skimmer) using your smartphone or tablet running one of the above operating systems.
Why am I asked to login on some occasions and not others?

This may be because your browser may clear its Web cache/history if it is set to do so. In such cases you will need to login back into NYTimes.com, but there is no need to get another Academic Pass.

Do Washburn alumni have access to the New York Times via Academic Pass?

No, only current Washburn students, faculty and staff will have access via the Academic Pass.

I still need help!

If you are still experiencing problems, contact edu@nytimes.com for assistance.

Have more questions? View the nytimes.com complete FAQ or contact Mabee Library.