

## Populi 101 for Students

## A Guide to Get Familiar with SKSM's LMS System



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## Introduction

Hello! I am Hugo, Director of Online Education at SKSM!

Thank you for registering for classes at SKSM. We are glad to have you as a student this term. Your first step for registration and seeing your courses is to access Populi, SKSM newvLMS System. Following is the information you will need to get familiar with the platform and the courses. This resource guide provides you with some initial help to navigate Populi and set up your courses. It does not replace all the Populi tutorials and information offered in the **Search the Knowledge Base** section under the tab **help**. That tab is located at the right side corner of your Populi page.

In 2022, all courses —residential, hybrid, intensives, immersions, online— will be Populi Based. Populi officially replaces Moodle as SKSM's LMS, starting with the Intersession 2022 term. All students and Faculty already have Populi accounts. That means that beginning with Intersession 2022 term, Populi will serve as a single-sign-on system for your online student information and learning management needs.

For composing this guide I combined indications from Populi as well as those steps coming from my expertise in the platform. The use of image follows the same line. Whenever possible, I took pictures of my own courses to show examples. However, in some cases I used images from Populi, specially when using images from any of my courses would bridge students' confidentiality.

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## **Accessing Populi**

To log in to your SKSM's Populi site:

- Go to SKSM Populi URL: https:// sksm.populiweb.com/router/logins/logout
- Enter your username. If you are using your own computer, click Remember to have Populi remember your username whenever you log in.
- Enter your password. This field hides what you are typing by showing your characters as black dots. If need be, click Show so you can see what you are typing.
- Your screen should look like the following:

SCHOOL FOR THE MI	NG
Your User Name Here	Remember
•••••	Show
Forgot your username or password?	Log In
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- If login approvals are required for your account and you are logging in on a new device or web browser, Populi will ask for a verification code. It will either be texted to your verified number OR generated by the authenticator app on your smartphone. Enter the code to complete the login on the new device.
- Click Log in or press Enter on your keyboard.



## Forgot Your Password?

Should you ever forget your password, you can ask for a reset:

- For to SKSM's Populi login screen.
- Click Forgot your username or password?:

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Your User Name Here	Remember
•••••	Show
Forgot your username or password?	Log In
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Enter the email address used to first set up your account. This is most likely your SKSM email address.

#### • Click Send.

- Check that address for the reset password message. The sender name will be that of SKSM via notifications@populi.co. The subject will say Password reset.
- The email will contain your username and a link to the SKSM's Populi site where you can reset your password. Click the link and follow the prompts.

## How to Access Your Course

After the registrar has created the course **instance** —what in Moodle was called **shell**—, the faculty will work on the course. Then, you can access your course a two ways:



#### • Via the Courses panel found on your Home page:

Home Files Calendar								
Add your mobile phone number to receive text notifications. USA and Canada only 10-digit pho	ne Send Verification Code							
Starr King School for the Ministry								
Home My Profile My Courses Contacts Academics Campus Life Communications Advising Admissions								
Dashboard To-Dos Groups Links Manage News								
Alerts No alerts available. The Feed The feed is empty.	Events No events in the next seven days. Add a to-do Courses Show, Courrent Courses © HRRS-8420-QUEER LIBERATION THEOLOGIES							
Terms of Service · Acceptable Use Policy · Support · System Status · Blog · Twitter · Facebook	Instagram · YouTube · © Populi 2021							

• Use the Dashboard or All Courses list shown on your My Courses view:

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Home My	Profile My Courses				
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	Withdrawn				

After accessing your course instance in Populi, you can check the **Syllabus** page or the first **Lesson** once the course is available.



## Why I Cannot See All the Lessons in My Course?

Before the beginning of term you will only see the **Syllabus** page. The course Faculty will display all the necessary information in that page: Description

of the course, syllabus, Faculty contact information, and Office hours:

Starr King S	School for th	e Ministry	
Home My Profile M	ly Courses Contact	Academics Campus Life Communications Advising Admissions	
	HRRS-8420	QUEER LIBERATION THEOLOGIES	
	Info		
	Course Number	HRR5-8420	
	Term	FALL 2021	
Dashboard	Dates	Sep 7, 2021 - Dec 17, 2021	
Syllabus	Units	Credits: 3.00	
Lessons		Hours: 0.00	
Files			
Assignments	Faculty		
Discussions	Hug	o Cordova Quero - Primary	
Tests	105	nd Email 🖉 (687) 821-5918	
Calendar		e Hours y - 10:00am-2:00pm - Zoom (virtual)	
Roster			
Gradebook	Description		
Attendance	What does «libera	tion» mean to queer individuals and communities? How do Christian traditions worldwide relate to queer issues and queer believers? For the last	
Reporting		r to challenge and critique the ingrained heteronormativity in theological thought, spiritual practices, and institutional governance. Drawing from n the specific contexts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The focus of the course is intentionally non-US centered in order to offer future minister.	
Chat		complex and yet fascinating world of queer liberation theologies, thus, enriching their worldview and praxis glocally. Thresholds: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and I	
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		Queer Liberation Theol Latin American, Asian, a African Contexts	
		Svilabus HRRS 8420 – Fail 2021	

In that page, Faculty will also list Required text books as well as Required files, links, and activities that you need to get familiarized prior to the beginning of the course. That information is located on the right side of the Syllabus page and it will vary from course to course according to the decision of each faculty:

Links	add & ₪
Colonialism and Postcolonialism	Ø 11
Reading List	add
Required Books	
• The Indecent Theologies of Marcella Althaus-Reid (Gender, Theology and Spirituality)	
Files	add
A cordova_quero_(2021)queer_libera	

Only once the course starts, you will be able to access the Lessons, which in Moodle were called Units. SKSM policy is that Faculty open a new lesson every week. Therefore, the week before the beginning of the term, you will be able to access the first lesson.



Faculty work on every lesson every week to ensure the class is receiving the highest standard of education. Therefore, only when a lesson is ready for the class to process does the Faculty open it. Please be patient and kind with the time, efforts, and dedication of the SKSM Faculty to offer you quality lessons!

# How is Populi Different from Moodle?



Moodle coding constitutes the basis for Populi as a platform, so both systems are not entirely different.

However, Populi was created exclusively for the University setting, while Moodle is an open-source platform for any educational setting. That implies that they work very closely even when they may look different. In that sense, the change to the new LMS is minimal.

The following table highlights some of the similarities between both systems:

Moodle	Populi
Used in different educational settings	Used in Universities
Real-time reporting	Real-time reporting
Creation of reports and statistics	Creation of reports and statistics
Asynchronous learning	Asynchronous Learning
Synchronous learning (third party apps)	Synchronous learning (third party apps)
Built-in Course Authoring	Built-in Course Authoring
Mobile Learning	Mobile Learning
Video Conferencing	Video Conferencing
Documentation hosting	Documentation hosting
Integrated gradebook	Integrated gradebook

Moodle	Populi
Communication with students via email	Communication with students via email
Forums	Forums
Adding images to course weeks	Adding images to course weeks
Linking of external sites	Linking of external sites
Chat	Chat
Integration with third party apps	Integration with third party apps

At the same time, the following table features some of the new contributions that Populi offers that are not characteristics of Moodle and which will help Faculty to better work:

#### Populi added features

Customization of institutional image

Preview of documents within class units

Control of student progress in course assignments

Setting assignments to be completed in order (students cannot advance to the next assignment without completing the previous one)

Integration with Registration office and other Schools Departments

Integrated students' attendance

Advancing integration

Access to campus life



## Understanding Your Populi Site

Once you access Populi, you will see the **Dashboard** on the **Home** page:

Starr King School for the Ministry									
Home	My Profile	My Courses	Contacts	Academics	Campus				
Dash	board		Mana	age News					
/	Alerts No alerts available.								
The	Feed								
	Happy Bi Jan 26, 202	-							

Your course(s) will be listed under the **Courses** tab but you will also be able to access it on the right side under **Course**  $\Rightarrow$  **Show**  $\Rightarrow$  **Current courses** or the **Term** you are interested:

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Iome My Profile My Courses Directory	
Dashboard To-Dos Groups Links	
Alerts	Events
Q Registration is now open.	No events in the next seven days.
The Feed	Add a to-do
Happy Birthday!	Courses
Jul auj avaa	Show SUMMER 2021
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**Dashboard** is your point of entry. However, on the upper left side you can change from the Home window to your Files or Calendar.

#### Alerts

In the Dashboard you will find the Alerts:

ome My Pr	ofile Files	Admin A	cademics	Campus Life	Communications	Advising	Admissions
Dashboard	To-Dos M	anage News					
Alerts							
You have	one or more a	alerts in Amer	ican Literat	ure 1850-1914.			
There are 7 inquiries waiting for a response.							
There are 3 online references waiting for review.							
There are	e 10 overdue a	id disbursem	ents.				
Disburse	ment batch #8	is still open.					

Alerts let you know about situations you need to take care of or is about to happen. The kinds of alerts you get depend on your user roles.

For example, students will get alerts about upcoming assignments or course registration. To take action on the matter, simply click the alert text and Populi will take you to the appropriate place.

#### The Feed

You also will find **The Feed**. The Feed is like your Facebook in Populi. Everything you post there is **public** for all SKSM community. That means that everyone with an active account on SKSM Populi will be able —and notified— of your recent postings. It also will feature the birthday of fellow students, Faculty, and staff:



If you have not posted anything on **The Feed**, it will remain empty. To post you need to go to your **Profile** tab and compose a note in the tab **Activity Feed**:

Home	My Profile	My Courses	Admin	Academics	Campus Life	Communications	Advising	Admissions		Q Search
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	11:57 AM local t English	ime Sł	now visibilit	y options				Add Note	Communication Plans	add

- Go to the box Add a note about...
- Write the post that you want to share.
- \* You can upload or drag a file: a picture, a flyer, and the like.
- Once you finished creating your post, click on the Add Note button.

#### To-Dos

Another tab next to the Dashboard is the **To-Dos**, which shows your pending or upcoming tasks. If you have not set up any task, you can access the Add a To-Do button on the right side of the To-Dos tab. A floating window will open where you can write the task, indicate who is responsible for if, and set up the due date:



Once you have saved it, you can add another task. All tasks will be listed on the left side of the **To-Dos** tab as follows:

To-Dos		add
Today ···· 🗆 Han	k Spoon Conference with advisors	
Edit	<b>8</b> - Connect Dorian to financial aid office <b>19</b> - <mark>Bonnie Tenno</mark> Graduate interest check-in call <b>1</b> - Gemma Frye Graduate inquiry packet: print and mail!	

#### Groups

The last important feature that you will find is **Groups**. Groups provide a space in Populi for different segments of the school's community —clubs, teams, committees— to communicate, share files, and create events with other members of that group.

To start a group, you need to have the Staff or Faculty role. That means that once you create your group, a SKSM Staff member or Faculty has to approve your group.

In order to set up a group, you need to follow these steps:

•  $rac{}{
m So}$  Go to Home  $\Rightarrow$  Groups.

- Click Create a Group.
- A floating window will open:

Starr King School for the Ministry	Add a Group ×
Home My Profile My Courses Directory	This group will be available after a staff member approves it. Name
Dashboard To-Dos Groups Links Search	Description
No groups returned	Membership Open to anyone  Create a Group
	Public O Yes O No
	Save

- Give the group a name —required— and a description, which is optional.
- Choose how to restrict group membership:
  - 1. **Open to anyone:** Any user can join this group just by going to the dashboard and clicking Join. For this to work as expected, make sure you set the Public setting to **Yes**.
  - 2. **Open to select roles:** Any user with the role(s) you select can go to the group dashboard and click Join. Anyone without the role can join with an invitation, or
  - 3. Invitation only: Users can join only if invited.
- Choose which people in the group can invite new members:
  - 1. Any member,
  - 2. Admins and moderators, or
  - 3. Admins only.
- Select whether to make the group Public. Public groups and their membership are visible to any user at SKSM; private groups are hidden from everyone except members and invitees.
- When the group is set, click **Save**.

After creating the group, you will see it in both All Groups and My Groups. As the group's administrator, you can now start inviting members, posting bulletins and discussions, uploading files, and adding calendar events.

Home My Profile Admin Academics Campus Life Communications Advising Admissions	Q Search
Dashboard To-Dos Groups Manage News	
My Groups All Groups	
Search Show All ¢	
CORWITH Class of 2020	Create a Group
2020 <sup>39 members</sup>	
Discipline Committee ⊘	
Graduate Faculty 19 members - You are a moderator	
V. See 9	
Kombucha Club Pending Approval	
Making, studying, and enjoying kombucha!	

## **Glossary of Terms**

Although Populi is not that different from Moodle, it uses different terminology for functions used in Moodle. Following is a table with some of the new terminology from Populi that you may want to keep in mind:



Moodle	Populi
Course shell	Instance
Units/weeks	Lessons
Forums	Discussions
Announcements	Bulletin Board
Forum "Please introduce yourself"	Discussion "Please introduce yourself"
Week 0 (where the syllabus and other information was located)	"General" in Lessons
Syllabus in Week 0	Syllabus in the navigation menu (left side of the screen)
Activities	Assignments
Participants	Roster
Latests News	The Feed
Upcoming Events	Calendar
Recent Activity	The Feed



## Familiarizing with Your Courses' Sites

One of the things that you will notice when you access a course in Populi is that the organization has changed compared to Moodle. Do not panic! All the Moodle features are in Populi... and there is even more!

#### Announcements

You may be used to get information from Faculty through the "Announcements" forum that was located in Week 0 of Moodle. Thi function has not disappeared from the courses.

Populi has indeed created a more fun and interactive function, called Bulletin Board. offers a different feature called **Bulletin Board**, where Faculty can post relevant messages to the class, and everyone in the course can reply:



#### Please Introduce Yourself Discussion

We used to have this forum in Week 0 for every course in Moodle. However, Populi organized all the conversations for Lessons into one place. Forums from Moodle are renamed as **Discussions** in Populi. Therefore, you will have the discussion **Please Introduce Yourself Forum** under the **Discussions** section on the navigation menu located on the left side of your course page:

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	Show All discuss	ions			¢	
	Available Discu	issions				
Dashboard	No available discu	ssions				
Syllabi						
Lessons	Future Discuss	ions				
Files	(1)	n Lesson #1 🤞	- ,			
Assignments		ordova Quero 6				
Discussions		roduce Yourse	-			
Tests	by Hugo C	ordova Quero 6	months ago			

#### Discussions

Related to the previous item, **Discussions** are an essential part of any course, as they allow online conversations among a Faculty and students. When you access the **Discussions** section on the navigation menu —on the left side of you course— you will view the course discussion in different lists.

First of all, you will see available, future, and closed discussions. That will help you to keep your course schedule organized. At the same time, you will be able to distinguish between graded and nongraded discussions, which is important to trace the items displayed in the Gradebook for every student. Finally, you will have indication if a discussion is attached to a Lesson. The later implies that discussion can be transversal to the whole course or keep in individual lessons. Your window for **Discussion** will look like this:

	Show All discussions		Add a Course Discussion
	Available Discussions		
Dashboard	(115) Carver @ The Short Story in the 1980's by Tunde Akinola about an hour ago		
Syllabus	67 Annie Dillard and Nature	Graded Discussion	
Files	by Hank Spoon about an hour ago		
Assignments			
_essons	Future Discussions		
Discussions	Hype and Gold Rushes	Graded Discussion	Available Apr 8, 2020 12:00am
Tests	by Hank Spoon about an hour ago	Graded Discussion	Available Apr 0, 2020 12.00am
Calendar	Didion's Non-Fiction		Available Apr 15, 2020 12:00am
Roster	by Hank Spoon about a month ago		

You can filter the Discussions view to Show all discussions, course discussions, or discussions attached to individual lessons.

While Blue symbols indicate there are new/unread comments in that discussion, Grey symbols mean that there are no unread comments.

Some Discussions may already be available, as in the picture above in which Carver and Annie Dillard and Nature are currently available. You can identify them not only for the subheading —Available **Discussion**— but also because because their titles appears in blue color. Make sure to read any extra element for the discussion, as in the example above, Carver's work is attached to the Short Stories in the 1980's lesson.

Please notice that the two **Future Discussions** are not yet available. They appear under the subheading Future Discussions but also they their titles are in **bold**, and therefore, inactive for the moment until the instructor opens those discussion. Furthermore, the discussions for Writers and Maturation —in this example— have been closed for comments; you may still view it but you cannot contribute more to it. They have been moved under the subheading **Closed Discussions**. You can still access them as their titles are in blue color, but the function for new postings have been disabled.

Finally, in the example above two discussions —Annie Dillard and Nature & Hype and Gold Rushes— are **Graded Discussions**, which means that you will receive a grade based on your participation in the discussion. You can identify this by a green box reading **Graded Discussion** placed next to the title of the discussion. In graded discussions, your instructor may set up grading criteria. Requirements help the instructor evaluate your participation in the discussion. You will see the requirements in the right column of the discussion page, together with a running tally of how you are doing with each requirement.

#### Starting a Discussion

If you are enrolled in a course, you already have permission to start a discussion.

• Go to the main **Discussions** view.

• Click Add a Course Discussion:

Favorite short stories		
An informal discussion	of the stories from this class that we've come to love	
		Add a Course Discuss
	Show formatting guide	
🖉 To upload a file dra	g & drop here or click to choose	
Attached to Course		

- Give the discussion a title and a topic. Please remember that you will need to enter both in order to create the discussion.
- \*Attach a file if it is necessary. Although that is optional, sometimes you need this to convey your idea.
- Once you have finished, click the **Save** button.

#### Week 0

Moodle featured only one page —known as Week 0— in which the basic information of the course was listed. Populi, on the contrary, features several places to diversify the information.

One of the features in Populi to present some basic information of a course is the Lessons. Therefore, you will find some information of the course in the General Lesson under the Lessons item in the navigation menu. That menu is located on the left side of your course site.

Once you click on **Lessons**, you will find a list of Lessons, being the first one the **General Lesson**. Make sure to access this Lesson on the first day of classes as it will contain important information.

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Home	My Profile	My Courses	Contacts	Academics	Campus Life	Communications	Advising
		HRR	S-8421:	QUEER S	TUDIES:M	ULTIRELIG P	ERS
	2-1	Less		nt Process			
		Availabl	al le Jan 31, 202	n			

## Assignments

Assignments are a vital part of a course and it is one of the sources that the instructor in your course will use for grading your work in a course. Although at SKSM we use a narrative evaluations to ensure the quality and fairness of approval of a course, assignments are still a part of the usual way a course is conducted.



Assignments could be anything from completing a required reading to responding to a quiz, or submitting a paper. Populi organizes the Assignments on its own category and you can find them in the navigation menu on the left side of your course site:

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		HRR	5-8421:	QUEER S	TUDIES:M	IULTIRELIG P	ERS		
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. c	Dashboard	Other			10	0%			
s	yllabus	Assign	ments						
L	essons	No assig	nments for	this course.					
F	iles								
A	Assignments								
	Discussions								

Populi allows the following types of assignments:

- Grade-only: Just give the student a grade. It's good for things like readings and other simple assignments that don't require a lot of interaction.
- File: Requires the student to submit a file to you for evaluation; good for essays, papers, etc. that benefit from feedback, revisions, and other interaction.

- **Test:** Creates a corresponding online test.
- Attendance: Calculates an assignment grade based on the student's attendance of course meeting times.
- Discussion: Creates a corresponding discussion.
- Essay: These provide students with a WYSIWYG editor that they can use to compose and format an essay-length composition right in Populi. Let us remember that "WYSIWYG" is an acronym for "What You See Is What You Get" and it is an editing software that allows content to be edited in a form that resembles its appearance when printed or displayed as a finished product, like in the following image:
- Peer Review: Peer-review files and essays let other students in the course section view, comment on, and even grade the student's work. Read more about peer-review assignments.

Assignments are linked to the **Gradebook**, which implies that they will immediately count towards your final grade in the course once the instructor have grade them.



## Adding a Picture to Your Profile Page

You can customize your profile by uploading your picture. To upload an image follow these steps:

- Click on My Profile tab.
- Click on the placeholder for the profile picture, which reads click to edit.
- A window will open in the middle of the page.
- Click on Drag & Drop and Image or Click to Choose to open the File Upload browse window.
- Select the image file you want to upload.
- Select the area of the image you want to display in you profile.
- Click on Save.



## **Using Chat**

If discussion are asynchronous conversations, chat allows for real time conversation among students and faculty. While participants in a discussion ruminate their thoughts and then write them, chat involves quick interactions on specific topics.



Chats work in two different ways. On the one hand, you can start a chat at any time. On the other hand, you can schedule a chat session for a specific date and time.

Click on the chat option in the navigation menu on the left side of your course. The window will display two buttons:



• To start a conversation, click on the button Start a Chat Session.

• A new window will pop up indicating the current time. Click on the Save button to set up the chat:



Your active chat session will appear in two ways. One is the actual conversation where you can interact (online). That is, all your messages will be instantly read by the class:

Starr King Sch	nool for the Ministry	
Home My Profile My Co	ourses Contacts Academics Campus Life Communications Advising Admissions	
	HRRS-8421: QUEER STUDIES:MULTIRELIG PERS	
	2:37 pm	Nov 25, 2021 2:36pm Back to chat sessions   End this chat session
	Martin V left the room	Sounds
	Martin V entered the room	
Dashboard	Martin V left the room	Who's chatting?
Syllabus	Martin V. entered the room	Hugo Cordova Quero Instructor
Lessons	Martin V YOUR MESSAGE HERE	
Files		
Assignments		
Discussions		
Tests		
Calendar		
Roster		
Gradebook		
Attendance		
Reporting		
Chat		
Settings		
	VOUR NEW MESSAGE HERE Send	

The other is the transcription of the chart (offline). That implies that Populi will keep a record of the conversation for you and the students to consult or to not forget important information discussed:

	chool for the Ministry Courses Contacts Academics Campus Life Communications Advising Admissions		
	HRRS-8421: QUEER STUDIES: MULTIRELIG PERS		
	Nov 25, 2021 2:36pm		
Dashboard	2:37 pm	Start End	Nov 25, 2021 2:36pm Nov 25, 2021 2:39pm
Syllabus	Martin V left the room	Duration	2 minutes, 56 seconds
Lessons	Martin V entered the room		
Files	Martin V YOUR MESSAGE HERE		
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- Just type or copy-paste text and post it messages to the chat.
- Either click Send Message or hit the Enter key on your keyboard to post.
- Conversations can be opened as long as you like, which means that you can close the active chat but keep the transcript for future consultation.

Dashboard Info Assignments Lessons Discussions Co	Conferences	Tests	Calendar	Roster	Chat
Current Chat Session				Sche	duled Chat Sessions
Mailer Questions				Apr 2,	2018 10:00am
Mar 28, 2018 4:28pm 🔸 less than a minute				Mid-t	term Review
Transcripts Mailer Questions					
•					
Mailer Questions					

As any other instant messaging system, Chat in Populi allow you not only to post but you can also:

- **Upload a file:** Just choose a file from your computer and click upload. If someone else posts a file, just click the filename to download it to your computer.
- **Use emoji:** Emoji are little cartoon-like characters. Populi also to include them. You can ese them to lighten up the chat.
- *Embed URLs:* You can embed a directly into the chat URL from YouTube, Vimeo, Scribd, Instagram, or any image.



## How Do I Find Stuff in Populi?

"Is there any course on Queer Theory?" "How can I reach my classmate?" Can I still access the Symposium information? These and many other questions probably have crossed your mind.

The underlying situation is that a complex LMS such as Populi can be intricate to navigate. Thankfully you have a tool to cope with these questions: The **Search** function.

Populi's search function is a great tool to keep in mind. You can use search to find just about anything at SKSM, depending on your user roles.

You can use search wherever you are in Populi by following these steps:

Click in the black bar indicated as Search on the right upper corner of your Populi site. You can also press Control + K —on Windows computers— or # + K —on Apple computers— to open the search field:



Start typing your search term. As you type, search will show suggestions based on what you have entered:

	Queer Theory Q	- <b>(</b>	$Help  \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! $
d Verific	Search Results		×
	A HR-4105: QUEER THEORY in Courses		
	a HR-4105: QUEER THEORY in Courses		
	Q 1 additional course		
	HR-4105: QUEER THEORY in Catalog Courses	NG	<u></u>
Sup	BSPH-2330: FEMINISM, QUEER THEORY & BIBLE in Catalog Courses		edit
Req ∘ A	Q More details about these 2 catalog courses		

- Click the result you are after to go to the page for that entity, or use one of the options —advanced search— to refine or modify your search.
- Click anywhere outside of the search window or press your Esc key to exit search.

On the other hand, Advanced Searches let you refine your search terms in a number of ways:

• ⊱ Open Search.

• Click Advanced Search in the bottom of the search pane:

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• The advanced search screen will appeared, placed semitransparently onto the Populi site:



• Start typing in the search field. Populi will suggest results:

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- The search results give you a few details about each entity to help you determine whether you have found who/what you were after.
- Click the result you are after to go to the page for that entity:

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	UU Association of Congregations Other Activity Feed Members	÷
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	UU Association of Congregations's History Show Notes Emails, Text Messages, Letters, Files 2 from [Anyone 2] No results returned.	Other info No other info available.

• Or click the X/press Esc to close the search window.

#### Tips for refining your search

- Choose one of the search types —All, People, Organizations, and More— at the top of the screen to narrow your results to particular kinds of entities in Populi. Click More to find other types to search by. Please remember that your options will vary according to your user roles.
- People and Organization search types give you a Fields option in the search bar. Click All Fields to select the kind of field you would like to search by. For example, you could search People by Phone and track someone down by typing their phone number:

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All People Organizations More	金 All Fields
	By Name
Type above to see search results	🖾 By Email
	By Address
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## How Do I Access the Virtual **Digital Library?**

SKSM have a subscription to the DTL2 (Digital Theological Library) that you should already have access to.



You just need your barcode (found in your Populi URL) to access it (see below for reminder where to find your barcode). You can also email Registrar@sksm.edu if you are having trouble finding your barcode.

The use of the DTL2 is pretty intuitive, and there are tutorials here: https://dtl2.libguides.com/howtouse. The tutorial videos will show DTL1, but the principles are the same (besides cosmetic differences) for DTL2.

To Log In:

- Go to: https://dtl2.libguides.com.
- -> Select "Starr King School for the Ministry" from the dropdown list of schools:

	Please select your institution and enter your student ID or barcode number.			
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	Log in			

Input your barcode.

• Click on the Log in button.

Users log in upon clicking on a specific resource either in the A-Z list or the catalog. Users can browse without logging in. Once a user is logged in, the users will not have to log in again during that current browser session.

To log in, upon selecting a resource, you should select "Starr King School for the Ministry" from the institution dropdown menu and enter your Populi barcode.

#### Where Do I Find My Barcode?

The number at the end of the URL is the eight digit barcode number that you see on the right end of the Populi address when you are logged in to your account:

Example: sksm.populiweb.com/router/contacts/people/12345678

Please contact Registrar (registrar@sksm.edu) for any questions or issues regarding library access.



## Additional Support

As any other LMS system, Populi is filled with different functions and possibilities of bettering one's teaching. There are many resources that can help you to cover other areas not explained in this guide.

#### Search the Knowledge Base

Populi Help is easily accessible through the **Search the Knowledge Base** database:

- Go to the Help tan on the upper right side of your course page.
- Click on the arrow and select the Search the Knowledge Base.



• A new window will open and you will be able to access all the topics covered.

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Release Notes & Announcements	Introduction to Populi	Academics
Staff and Admin	Admissions	Financial: Billing, Accounting, and Donations
Financial Ald	Courses/Faculty	For Students
Bookstore	Library	IT and Developers
Videos		

All titles in the boxes are hyperlinks that will take you to new windows with menus that have articles explaining the way to navigate different aspects of Moodle. For example, when you click on Students, this window comes up:

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Populi Knowledge Base > For Students		
For Students Make sure you also check out the articles in Introduction to Populi: ht	ttps://support.populiweb.com/hc/en-us/categories/203333507-Introduction-to-Populi	
Your courses	Your financial information	
Submitting a course evaluation	How to get information about your financial aid	
An overview of Populi courses	· How to get information about your tuition, fees, and payments	
<ul> <li>Submitting and interacting with peer review assignments</li> </ul>		
How do I register for courses?		
<ul> <li>How to submit work for assignments</li> </ul>		
Online tests		
See all 10 articles		
Your academic information: grades, transcripts, and degr	ree audits FAQs	
How to find your academic information	How do I make an online payment?	
Your transcript	Where can I find my grades?	
Your degree audit		

• The database is well organized and the themes are explained in easy ways.

#### YouTube

YouTube is a rich resource for Populi know-how. When searching for a tutorial for a particular function, avoid videos that are too old. A couple of years are still ok.

For example, some schools have their videos or instructors and staff working at education institutions may also post their videos to help students to navigate Populi. You can access a great video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JNIMn0y9jI.

There are many tutorials from which you can benefit to improve your Populi experience.

#### Social Networks

Social Networks are another source for finding information and tips on how to be proficient in Populi. The company lists the following social networks information:

• Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/populico/

- Finstagram: https://www.instagram.com/populico/
- *LinkedIn:* https://www.linkedin.com/company/populi
- *Twitter:* https://twitter.com/populi

#### About Your Self-care

Especially when you are taking a/synchronous courses virtually, you will spend a good deal of time sitting in front of your computer. In support of your health and physical comfort, you may want to take into account different aspects regarding your well-being:

• Ergonomics and Computer Use: At SKSM we have for several years advocate to care for healthier practices while teaching, researching, or writing. Although there are several websites,

books, and articles, Princeton University Health Services. Additionally, has compiled a great number of advices and tips on this topic. You can find that page in the following URL: https://uhs.princeton.edu/health-resources/ergonomicscomputer-use

- Choose your place(s) to study: We all have favorite spots, whether at home or a coffee shop. Being in a place where one can focus on the reading helps to avoid distraction and get the most of your preparation time when you do not have much time. What is your special place? What are the conditions you need —light, chair, and the like— that you need to focus? You need to be in a comfortable place to help your attentiveness and care for your body.
- Take your breaks: Having consecutive periods of work and rest will help you keep healthy. Stand often to stretch, close your eyes to relax them, turn off your camera whenever is not necessary to appear with it on a conversation, and the like. Everything that you do for your body will allow you to continue caring for yourself and will impact positively your classes and the goals you achieve.



## **Final Words**

This guide is meant to be a resource but it can always be improve. If you have any question or comment, please feel free to reach me at any time.

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Have a wonderful semester!

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