



Why use Twitter?

Twitter is just one example of how social media is changing communication expectations, on the web and beyond. It emphasizes speed and brevity and provides a public forum for a wide variety of topics. Designed to be used both on the web and on mobile phones, Twitter forces you to condense your communication into 140 characters or less for each update.

For this class, you will need to sign up for a Twitter account, connect to the official class account, then send messages to that account for class discussions.

Setup:

Setup is a three step process – go to the website, Twitter.com, enter your information, then confirm your new account via e-mail. Please use a username that is recognizable as your name. All of the information you put in during setup can be changed after the end of the semester if you wish.

Already have a twitter account? You can use it for this class, but you might want to create a separate account if your username doesn't match your name and you don't want to change it. Your general updates may be visible to Professor Bosselman, though he doesn't plan to look beyond the class discussion account.

If you don't use your kentlaw e-mail to set up the account, please send a message to energylawclass@gmail.com to specify which e-mail your twitter will be connected to.

Settings:

You can adjust settings on your Twitter account anytime, but it's a good idea to review them at the beginning to decide if you want to leave the defaults in place. For more information about each settings area, visit the library guide: <http://libraryguides.kentlaw.edu/twitter>.

Settings options: Privacy (on/off), updates & connections for e-mail and mobile phones, and general account information for your profile & design.

Connections:

To post messages to the class, you'll need to follow and be followed by this account: <http://twitter.com/EnergyLawClass>

You need to initiate your connection to the class account after you have an account and are signed in. You will not see the "follow" button unless you are signed in.

You will also need to be "followed" by the class account. Professor Bosselman's assistant, Beth Nielsen (bnielsen2@kentlaw.edu) will approve your follow request and initiate the following connection. But if you choose to keep your account private you will need to approve her request from the class account before the connection is complete. You can reach Beth at 312.906.5119.

Please confirm these connections quickly to make sure you're ready for the class.