

Using the Blackboard Discussion Board

The Discussion Board

- The Discussion Board is a tool on Blackboard that allows you to have discussions with your students asynchronously (not in real time).
- Some basic vocabulary:
 - Discussion Board –the page where all of the class discussions can be found.
 - Discussion Forum – a specific discussion on the discussion board.
 - Discussion Thread – a conversation on a discussion board.

Why Use the Discussion Board

- It is a place you can use to build/ maintain your class community.
- You can post information for all students instead of emailing them.
- It prevents you from having to answer the same question repeatedly from a variety of students.
- Students can post comments and questions to you and each other.
- You can add attachments for students (handouts, readings, assignments) to your comments.
- Your students can add attachments (writing assignments, homework) to their comments.



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Home Page

On the left side menu, click **Discussions**.

Customize Page

My Announcements

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Please check this announcement

more announcements...

Alerts



Edit Notification Settings

Past Due

Actions

No Notifications

Retention Center Alerts

To Do



Edit Notification Settings

What's Past Due

Actions

All Items (0)

What's Due

Actions

Select Date: 03/04/2020



Go

Today (0)

Nothing Due Today

Tomorrow (0)

Test Course

Discussion Board

This is the Discussion Board.



Edit Mode is:

ON

Discussion Board

Discussions are a good way to encourage students to think critically about your coursework and interact with each others' ideas. You can create discussions around individual course lessons or for your course in general. [More Help](#)

Create Forum



Click Create Forum.

A forum is a discussion space organized around a specific topic.



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You can create a discussion forum here.

Create Forum

Create Forums to organize discussions. [More Help](#)

* Indicates a required field.

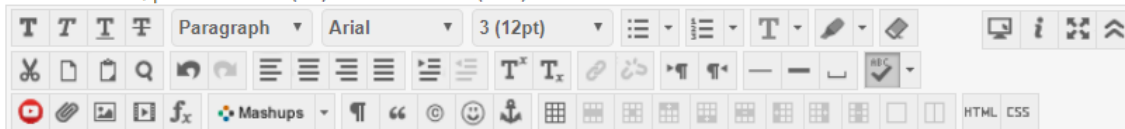
FORUM INFORMATION

* Name

Give the forum a name.

Description

For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac).



This discussion board will allow us to practice posting comments.

Describe what this forum is for.

Path: p » span

Words:10

Determine if the forum is available to students to post comments and for how long.

FORUM AVAILABILITY

Available Yes No

Enter Date and Time Restrictions Display After

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Display Until

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Click submit

Click **Submit** to proceed. Click **Cancel** to go back.

Submit



Success: Forum Practice Discussion Board created.

You will see this success banner.

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Create Forum

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Delete

This is the discussion forum you just created.



FORUM

DESCRIPTION

TOTAL POSTS

UNREAD POSTS

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS



Practice Discussion Board

This discussion board will allow us to practice posting comments.

0

0

0

Delete

Click the title to begin posting comments.

Displaying 1 to 1 of 1 items

Show All

Edit Paging...

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Forum: Practice Discussion Board

Forums are made up of individual discussion threads that can be organized around a particular subject. A thread is a conversation within a forum that includes the initial post and all replies to it. When you access a forum, a list of threads appears. [More Help](#)

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No items found

Here you can post a comment.
Blackboard calls the first comment, a thread.
Click **Create Thread**.

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Create Thread

A thread is a series of posts related to the same subject. Threads provide an organizational structure within a forum for users to share posts on similar topics. Creating a thread posts the first message. [More Help](#)

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FORUM DESCRIPTION

This discussion board will allow us to practice posting comments.

MESSAGE

* Subject

Message

Rich text editor toolbar with options for Paragraph, Arial, 3 (12pt), Bold, Italic, Underline, Text Color, Background Color, Bulleted List, Numbered List, Indent, Outdent, Undo, Redo, Source, and HTML/CSS toggles.

Text area for writing the message content. Path: p Words:0

ATTACHMENTS

Attach File

Click **Save Draft** to save a draft of this message.

The interface is the same to create a thread.

Write the subject.

Write your comment.

Add any attachments from your computer.

Click submit.



Success: Thread My Practice Comment created.

You will see this success banner..

List View

Tree

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Display

Here is your comment. You can read comments by clicking the title under **THREAD**.

	DATE	THREAD	AUTHOR	STATUS	UNREAD POSTS	TOTAL POSTS
	3/4/20 5:54 PM	My Practice Comment	Steven D'Agustino	Published	0	1

Thread Actions

Collect

Delete

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

1 Post(s) in this Thread [0 Unread](#)

Message Actions [Expand All](#) [Collapse All](#)



Steven D'Agustino

My Practice Comment

This is my practice comment.

Here is your comment.
Student comments will be displayed
similarly.

2 minutes ago

[Reply](#)

You and your students can respond to a
comment by clicking **Reply**.

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Message Actions [Expand All](#) [Collapse All](#)

← OK

The Discussion Board

- The Discussion Board is a good solution to manage conversations online.
- If you plan to use the Discussion board, you may want to develop a communication plan to inform the students about how often and how quickly you will respond to comments.
- You may also want to provide students with guidance about your expectations for commenting.
- Finally, a Discussion Forum for students to ask questions, express confusion or a lack of understanding is an effective way to make sure everyone is on track.