

Discussion Boards

One of the best ways to really understand something new is talk about it with other people. Your course discussion boards help you do this, by giving you a public, academic setting to share and investigate new ideas with your teacher and fellow students.

Find a Discussion Board assignment on the syllabus of your course. The icon is a speech bubble callout. The first thing you should do is view the rubric. This shows you how your comments will be graded.

Read the prompt closely, then click on New Thread to begin a discussion. You can format your text, and insert images, videos, equations, and tables. You can also add attachments. Type your comment, and click Post. Your entry is now visible to everyone in your course.

To reply to a comment, first make sure that the discussion is grouped by Thread. Then click Reply and create your post.

Check your Activity Stream to find any responses to your comments or other updates to the discussion board.

Finally, to view a complete thread, make sure again that the discussion is ordered by Thread. Pressing the opposite-facing arrows expands all comments, the arrows that point to each other will collapse them.
