

WHY WOULD YOU USE THIS FEATURE?

Frequent student-faculty contact in and out of class is an important factor in student motivation and involvement. The Discussion Board is an outcomes-based learning tool that can be applied in a number of ways to enhance learning and measure performance. It is a communication medium for posting and responding to messages in an asynchronous fashion.

There are 3 ways to access the Discussion Board:

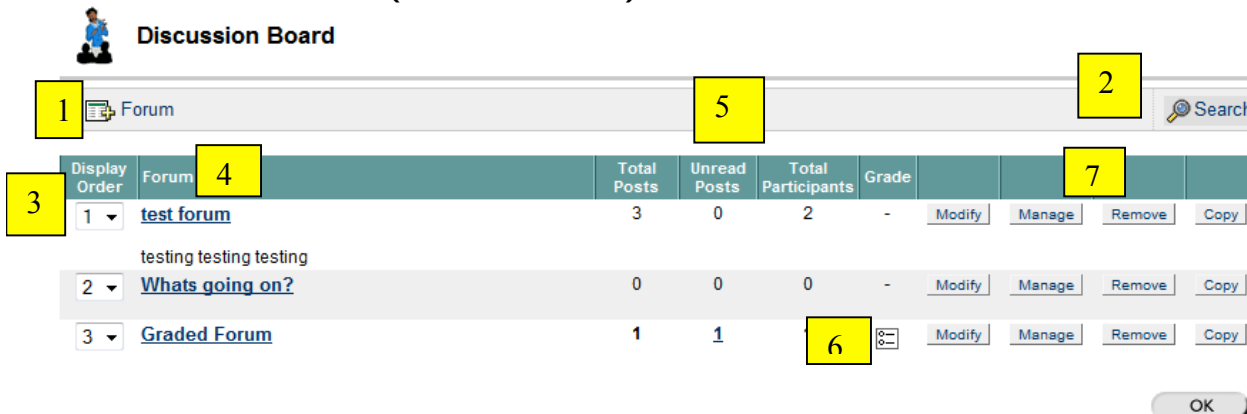
- 1) Through the Control Panel of the course:
 - a. Select Control Panel, in your course
 - b. Click Discussion Board
 - c. Click the Discussion Board course link

Note: The Control Panel view is different from the course menu view. It displays the main discussion board (shows the course ID) and the discussion board for any and all groups.

- 2) Through the Course Menu:
 - a. A Discussion Board button must be set up first (see Discussion Board: Menu Link)
 - b. Select Discussion Board from the left navigation course menu

- 3) Through the Tools Menu:
 - a. Select Communication in the Tools box, in the control panel
 - b. Selection Discussion Board

The Discussion Board (instructor view):



Discussion Board

Display Order	Forum	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants	Grade	
1	test forum	3	0	2	-	Modify Manage Remove Copy
2	Whats going on?	0	0	0	-	Modify Manage Remove Copy
3	Graded Forum	1	1			6 Modify Manage Remove Copy

OK

1. Add Forum Link
2. Search Function
3. Column for Display Order of Forums –change the number from the drop down menu to change the order of the forums
4. Column for Forums, which are boldfaced if they contain unread posts
5. Columns for Forum details, total posts, unread posts, total participants, and grade
6. Shows Discussion Grading has been set-up
7. Instructor controls : Modify, Manage, Remove, and Copy

Discussion Board Terms Glossary:

for more information, see the Blackboard instructor manual or contact the Walker Teaching Resource Center 423*425*4188.

Term	Definition
Thread	The initial post and all of the replies to that post within a Discussion Board Forum.
Thread Detail	This page displays the threaded view of all posts in a thread along with the selected post.
Locked Thread	A thread that is visible for reading but cannot be modified. Users may not post to a locked thread.
Unavailable Thread	A thread that is hidden and inaccessible to all users except Forum Managers.
Hidden Thread	A Thread that is locked and not visible by default. Users may view hidden threads by enabling the Display Hidden Threads feature.
Post	A Discussion Board entry posted to a thread or used to start a thread.
Published Post	A post that has been submitted and, if necessary, approved by a moderator.
Collect Posts	The process of selecting one or more posts or threads for inclusion on a page that can be sorted, filtered, printed, and saved as a document. The collection is gathered into a format that can be sorted, filtered, printed, and saved as a document that can be viewed in a browser.
Rate Post	The process of evaluating a post based on a fixed, 5 point scale.
Forum Role	A role type that is assigned to all members of the Discussion Board for each Forum and enables specific privileges within the Forum. A user may have one role per Forum, however, a user's role in each Forum may differ.
Blocked	A Forum Role that blocks the user from accessing the Forum.
Reader	A Forum Role that grants the user the rights to read the contents of a Forum. Users with this role may only view content and cannot add or respond to posts.
Participant	A Forum Role that grants the user reading and writing privileges in the Forum.
Grader	A Forum Role that grants the user Participant privileges as well as the Grading privileges for the Forum.
Moderator	A Forum Role that grants Participant privileges as well as the ability to modify, delete, and lock posts. If a Moderation Queue is used, the Moderator may also approve or reject posts in the queue.
Manager	A Forum Role that grants all privileges.
Grade Forum	The process of assigning a Grade to a user for their performance in a Forum.
Grade Thread	The process of assigning a Grade to a user for their performance in a thread.
Flag	A mark used to call attention to the post.
Draft	A post that has been saved for future editing.