Discussion Boards in Blackboard

Discussion Boards can be set up in different ways, so always follow your instructor’s directions for accessing and participating in class or group discussions. Here are some general features:

1. In each Blackboard class, there is a single Discussion Board. Many Discussion Forums (different topics) may be posted on the Discussion Board. Users often use the terms Board and Forum interchangeably, but you should be aware of the difference in case you ever need to seek further help.

2. Students will often get to an assigned Forum through a link in the Classroom page. Students will generally see one forum at a time instead of the whole Board.

3. To see the instructions and topic information, click Create Thread. This is indicated by the A arrow in the example below. To see the replies to a thread (a student’s reply to the topic), click on the title of the thread or switch to the Tree View in the top right corner, as indicated by the B arrow in the example below.

List View: replies are not visible

Tree View: replies are visible

Inside of a textbox, hover over icons for an explanation of what they do. If you can’t see all of your tools, click the expand icon on the right side of the textbox.