Canvas Discussions
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You can use Discussions to start discussions with and among your students. Discussion posts cannot be made anonymously. Discussions can be created as an assignment for grading purposes or simply serve as a forum. Discussions can also be created within student groups.

1. Log in to Canvas at canvas.brown.edu.
2. Click Courses in the Global Navigation menu on the left, then select your course.
3. Click Discussions in the Course Navigation menu.
4. Click + Discussion.
5. Enter the title of the discussion in the Topic Title box.
6. Enter the discussion prompt in the text box below.
7. (OPTIONAL) In the Attachment menu, click Browse... to add a file as a resource or prompt for the discussion.
8. Select Allow Threaded Replies to allow students to respond to each other’s posts.
9. Select Users must post before seeing replies to hide replies from students until they post their own.
10. Select Enable podcast feed to make the discussion and its replies available as a
podcast.

11. Select **Graded** to make the Discussion graded and enable more options. Graded discussions are integrated with the Canvas Gradebook and can be graded by Teachers and Teaching Assistants.

12. Select **Allow Liking** to allow users to "like" posts. Then, choose who can "like" posts and whether to sort posts by the number of "likes" they receive.

   Options
   - □ Allow threaded replies
   - □ Users must post before seeing replies
   - □ Enable podcast feed
   - □ Graded
   - □ Allow liking

13. Select **This is a Group Discussion** to create an identical discussion topic in each group. Then, select the Group Set to which to assign it. Students will only see and be able to reply to posts within their group.

   - This is a Group Discussion
   - Group Set
     - Select a group category
     - New Group Category

14. Enter beginning and end dates of availability in the **Available from** and **Until** boxes, respectively, to limit student access to the discussion to a certain date range.

15. For a graded Discussion, configure the following options:

   1. In the **Points Possible** box, enter the maximum amount of points that students can earn for the discussion.
   2. In the **Display Grade as** menu, select the unit with which to display grades.
   3. In the **Assignment group** menu, select the appropriate assignment group for the Discussion.
   4. In the **Assign** menu, select whom to assign the Discussion in the **Assign to** box, then enter the due date in the **Due** box.
   5. In the **Assign** menu, enter beginning and end dates of availability in the **Available from** boxes to limit Discussion participants' access to a certain date range. These dates will override any entered in step 14.
16. Click **Save**.

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