Set up a Blackboard Discussion

The Discussion Board tool can be used to hold asynchronous, threaded discussions. You must first create one or more Forums before students can start their discussion threads.

1. In your course, click **Discussions** on the menu.

2. Click **Create Forum**.

3. Enter a title in the **Name** field and the discussion question or topic in the **Description** field.

4. Set the **Forum Availability**. If you want the discussion only to be open during a specific date range, use the date and time fields to limit the forum availability.

5. Select the **Forum Settings** based on your specific needs.

6. When finished, click **Submit**.

*Note: Students see the Description next to the Forum name on the Discussion Board page.*