

How to use Canvas Discussions to ask (or answer) course-related questions

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Useful Canvas Documentation

What are Discussions?

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/What-are-Discussions/ta-p/3>

Tutorial for ASU Students

Step 1: Log into ASU Canvas via <https://canvas.asu.edu/>

Step 2: Navigate to your course (i.e. STP 494, STP 540, or STP 598) by clicking on it in the Dashboard

Dashboard



Step 3: Click on “Discussions” on the sidebar of your course page

Home

Announcements

Discussions

Grades

People

STP 540: Computational Statistics (2023 Spring)

Course Summary:

Date

Details

Step 4(a): Start a new Discussion by clicking the red “+ Discussion” button in the top right corner of the Discussions menu

The screenshot shows the Canvas interface. On the left is a navigation menu with items: Home, Announcements, Discussions (highlighted), Grades, People, Syllabus, Collaborations, Chat, Google Drive, Digication, and ASU Bookstore. At the top right, there is a search bar with the text 'Search by title or author...', a '+Discussion' button, and a settings icon. Below the search bar, there are two sections: 'Discussions' and 'Closed for Comments'. The 'Discussions' section is titled 'Ordered by Recent Activity' and contains a large dashed box with an illustration of two people talking and the text: 'There are no discussions to show in this section' and 'Click here to add a discussion'. The 'Closed for Comments' section is also titled 'Ordered by Recent Activity'.

Step 4(b): Add your discussion by filling in a title and discussion text

The screenshot shows the 'Add Discussion' form. On the left is the same navigation menu as in the previous screenshot. At the top right, there is a 'Not Published' toggle. The form has a 'Topic Title' field containing 'Example discussion'. Below the title field is a rich text editor with a toolbar containing options for Edit, View, Insert, Format, Tools, and Table. The text area contains the text: 'Does anyone know how to use Canvas discussions?'. The form is outlined with a red border.

Step 5(a): Browse and join existing discussions by clicking on a discussion in the “Discussions” page

The screenshot shows the Canvas interface with the 'Discussions' menu highlighted. The search bar at the top right contains the text 'Search by title or author...'. Below the search bar, there are two sections: 'Discussions' and 'Closed for Comments'. The 'Discussions' section is titled 'Ordered by Recent Activity' and contains a link to 'Example discussion' with 'All Sections' listed below it. The 'Closed for Comments' section is also titled 'Ordered by Recent Activity'.

Step 5(b): Reply to the discussion by clicking “Reply”

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Chat

Google Drive



Example discussion
Test Student
All Sections

Does anyone know how to use Canvas discussions?

Search entries or author Unread ↑ ↓

← Reply

Step 5(c): Enter and submit your response



Example discussion
Test Student
All Sections

Does anyone know how to use Canvas discussions?

Search entries or author Unread ↑ ↓ ✓ Subscribed

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