

KnightVision 7.1 Discussion Boards

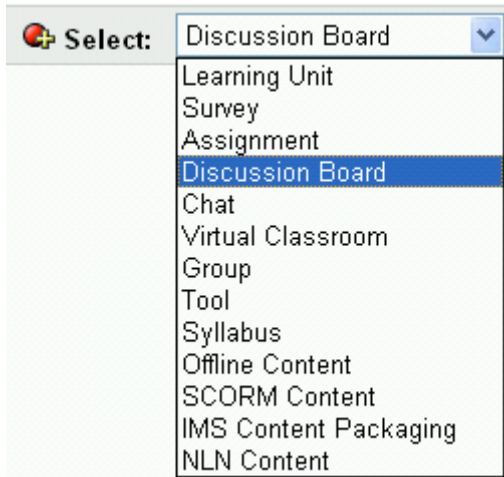
Discussion Boards consist of Forums created by the instructor. These forums can be used in any area of the course including groups.

Enable Discussion Boards

As the instructor of a course, you can enable the Discussion Boards by selecting **Control Panel > Course Options > Manage Tools > Tool Availability**.

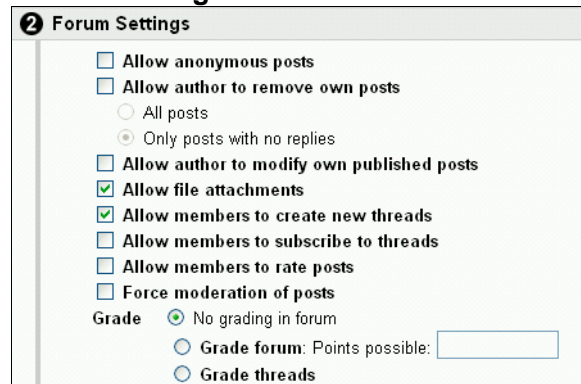
Create/Access Discussion Boards

1. You can create a Discussion Board from any area of the course. Go to the area (Assignments, Course Documents, etc) then click the down-arrow next to Select. Click on **Discussion Board** then click the **Go** button..



2. You can:
 - Link to the Discussion Board page
 - link to a specific Discussion Board forum
 - Create a new Discussion Board forum.
3. Click on Create New Forum
4. Add a title for your new forum and add a description.

Forum Settings



Allow anonymous posts

Allow author to remove own posts

All posts

Only posts with no replies

Allow author to modify own published posts

Allow file attachments

Allow members to create new threads

Allow members to subscribe to threads

Allow members to rate posts

Force moderation of posts

Grade No grading in forum

Grade forum: Points possible:

Grade threads

- **Allow members to subscribe to new threads** – an email will be sent when there is a new post.

- **Allow members to rate posts** – members can rate each post with 0 – 5 stars.
- **Force moderation of posts** – the instructor or designated member of the course must approve all posts to the forum.
- **Grade Forum** – the instructor can set a possible number of points and grade the cumulative postings for a student.
- **Grade Thread** – with this option turned, on participants cannot add new threads only reply to threads. The replies to threads can be graded.

Grade Threads/Postings

1. Only instructors and graders can grade discussion board items. Access the Discussion Board (there are several ways to do this) and select your forum.
2. Click the button at the end of the columns.
3. Each posting for a user can be graded. Click **Submit** to add the grade to the Gradebook.

Terminology:

Forum – The initial setup of a discussion board.

Thread – A string of responses to a Forum that includes any replies.

Reply – A response to a thread.

Using the Discussion Board with Groups

Create Groups

1. Control panel > Manage Groups > Add Group
2. Give the group a name and description
3. Select the group options
4. Make group available

Manage Group

1. Control panel > Manage Groups
2. Click the **Modify** button to the right of the group.
3. Click on **Add Users**.

Discussion Board

1. Control panel > Discussion Board
2. Click on the Group discussion board
3. Click the **Modify** button to the right.
4. Set forum settings.

Create Button on menu

1. Control panel > Manage Course Menu.
2. Add Tool Link > Groups

Grading

1. Click on **Groups**
2. Click on the specific **Group > Group Discussion Board**
3. Click on **Grade**

Display Order	Forum	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants	Grade
1	Group 3	1	1	1	