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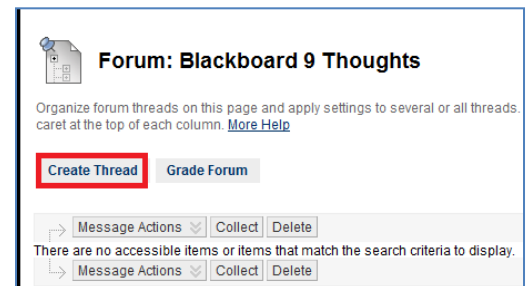
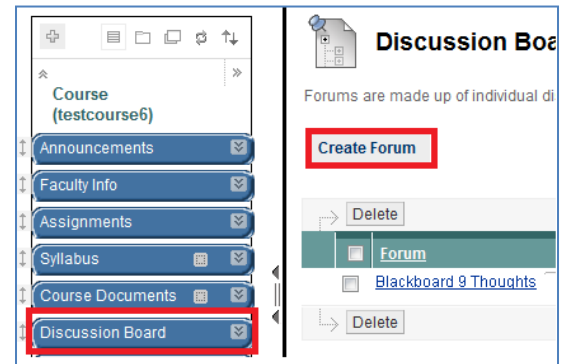
Blackboard's Discussion Board allow students to discuss and share ideas and information without requiring all participants to be online at the same time. Discussion Board conversations are logged and organized with conversations grouped into threads that contain a main posting heading and all related replies.

Discussion Boards may be graded / ungraded.

Create a forum on a specific topic and start off the discussion by posting an initial thread.

How Do I Create a Forum?

1. Login to your Blackboard course and select **Discussion Board** from left-hand side menu tab (can also access from the expanded **Control Panel** under *Course Tools, Discussion Board*)
2. Click "**Create Forum**" button near the top left-hand side
3. Type in a **Name** (required) for the forum and type in any instructions or text in **Description**
4. Choose options for "**Available**" or "**Date Time restrictions**"
5. Select additional options in the **Forum Settings** area if desired
6. Click **Submit**



How do I Create an Initial Thread?

Now that you have created the forum, create an **initial thread** to start the conversation and instruct the students to "**Reply**" to the thread with their posts.

1. Select **Discussion Board** forum name created above
2. Click the "**Create Thread**" button near the top left-hand side
3. Type a name in the **Subject** box and thread (question) text in **Message** box
4. Click **Submit**