

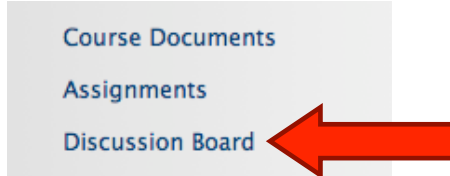
# STUDENT TUTORIAL: DISCUSSION BOARD ACCESS

## WHY WOULD YOU USE THIS FEATURE:

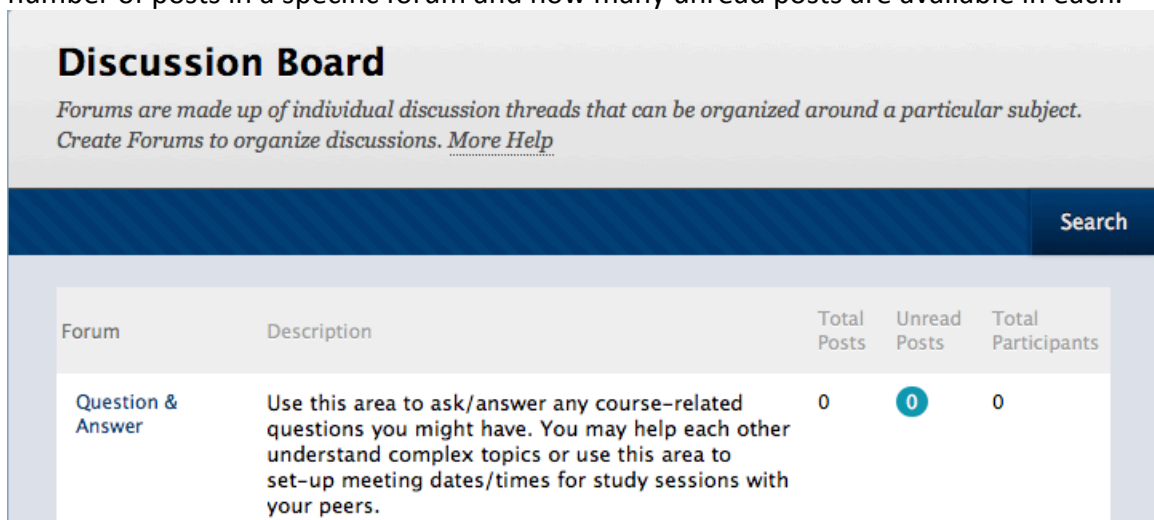
The discussion board is an outcomes-based learning tool that can be applied in a number of ways to enhance learning and increase performance. It is a communication medium for posting and responding to certain topics in an asynchronous fashion. Students can use the discussion board to communicate among groups or discuss a topic an instructor has posted which will appear in the forums. Forums serve as logs for all conversations about a specific topic. This tutorial will demonstrate how to access the discussion board for your course and access a specific forum. It will also demonstrate how to access a group discussion board.

## HOW TO ACCESS THE DISCUSSION BOARD:

1. Access your course within **Blackboard**.
2. Click on the **Discussion Board** link in the course menu.



3. This will take you to the main page for your course discussion board. You will see a list of all forums your instructor has created. In addition, this page will show you the total number of posts in a specific forum and how many unread posts are available in each.



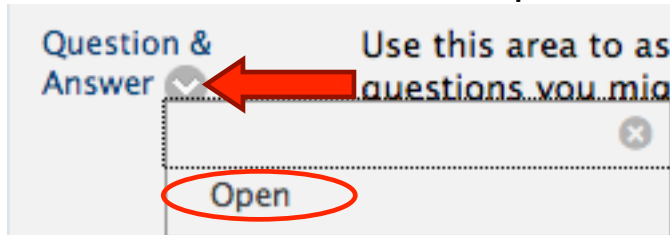
**Discussion Board**  
*Forums are made up of individual discussion threads that can be organized around a particular subject. Create Forums to organize discussions. [More Help](#)*

Search

Forum	Description	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants
Question & Answer	Use this area to ask/answer any course-related questions you might have. You may help each other understand complex topics or use this area to set-up meeting dates/times for study sessions with your peers.	0	0	0

# STUDENT TUTORIAL: DISCUSSION BOARD ACCESS

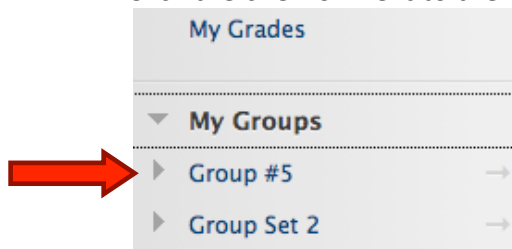
4. To access a specific forum, simply click on the title of the forum or you may also select the chevron next to the title and click **Open**.



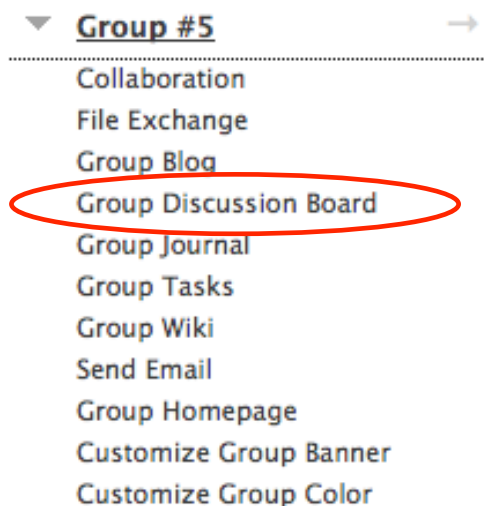
5. You have now accessed the discussion board and a forum.

## HOW TO ACCESS A GROUP DISCUSSION BOARD:

1. Access your course through **Blackboard**.
2. Click the chevron next to the name of your group in the list below the course menu.



3. Click the **Group Discussion Board** link.



**Note:** If the Group Discussion Board link is not visible, your instructor may not have enabled the discussion board option when creating groups. You should consult him or her about making discussion boards available.

4. This will take you to the main page of your group's discussion board, which is identical in format to the main course discussion board.