

# Discussion Board Grading Explained


## **Option 1: Grading by FORUM**



### FORUM SETTINGS

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Viewing Threads/Replies  Standard View  
 Participants must create a thread in order to view other threads in this forum.

Grade  No Grading in Forum  
 Grade Discussion Forum: Points possible:   
 Grade Threads

Show participants in "needs grading" status  after every  Posts

Due Date     

- Students can create their own threads as long as the option is enabled for that within the Forum.
- Grade this way if you want to grade student's overall participation within a forum.
- Grading does not apply on a per thread basis.
- Set total points possible that your students can earn.
- A column is created in the Grade Center that represents all activity within the forum per student. The title reflects the title of the FORUM.

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## **Option 2: Grading by THREAD**

### FORUM SETTINGS

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Viewing Threads/Replies  Standard View  
 Participants must create a thread in order to view other threads in this forum.

Grade  No Grading in Forum  
 Grade Discussion Forum: Points possible:   
 Grade Threads

Subscribe  Do not allow subscriptions  
 Allow members to subscribe to threads  
 Allow members to subscribe to forum  
 Include body of post in the email  
 Include link to post

- Students will be unable to create threads on their own, and instead will reply to a thread the instructor has created. The thread the instructor creates presents a question / activity for the students to reply to.
- The grade a student receives in this case reflects the quality of participation of each student within the thread.
- A new column is created in the grade center that reflects the title of the THREAD.
- Total points possible is automatically set at 100.