Instructors can use Blackboard’s Discussion Board tool to setup asynchronous, threaded discussions for students. Before students can start their discussions, you must first create one or more Forums.

1. Open your Blackboard course and click **Discussions** on the **Course Menu**.

2. On the **Discussion Board** page, click on **Create Forum**.

3. Enter a **Name** and type the discussion question or topic in the **Description** textbox. Students see the Description next to the Forum name on the Discussion Board page.

4. Make the Forum **Available**. If you want the discussion to be available during a specific date range, use the **Date and Time Restriction** fields to limit availability for students.

5. Modify the **Forum Settings** based on your specific needs and click **Submit** to finish.