

## Guidelines for Using the Blackboard Discussion Forum

You are highly encouraged to use the Blackboard discussion forum if you have homework and other course related questions. To post a question, please follow the following guidelines.

1. Make sure you have read all the relevant posts. It could be that your question has already been asked and the solution is already somewhere on the discussion board.
2. Make sure you post your question in the most suitable forum.
3. If you ask a homework question, make sure that the problem number is in the title of your post.
4. Make sure you ask a specific question. Do not ask questions such as “I don’t know how to do Question 1”. Questions like this are much too vague to begin to answer on a forum. At the very least, the question should involve an explanation of the steps you took to try and solve the problem. This will be much easier to troubleshoot.
5. Please include all relevant computations you performed. It is very difficult to help troubleshoot your problem when we are just told the number you get at the end, especially if the mistake occurs in the computation process.

Please feel free to also respond to other students’ questions if you know how to help them. We support a collaborative atmosphere on the discussion forum.