# Using Piazza for MA 16010

We will be using the Piazza discussion board to facilitate the course. Please use the following information to help use the discussion board to its fullest potential.

## Enrolling in Piazza

You can click on the Piazza link in Brightspace or go to the Piazza home page (https://piazza.com/). If you do not already have a Piazza account, you can create one easily for free. You can search the courses at Purdue and self-enroll in **MA16010 Summer 2020**, or you can self-enroll using this link: https://piazza.com/class/kb3ve9ea4zi175. You must use your Purdue email to register for the course.

## Adjusting Email Settings in Piazza

You might want to adjust your email settings in Piazza to choose what types of email notifications that you would like to receive, and how often. In the upper right corner in Piazza, there is a configuration icon next to your name. Click on that and select "Account/Email Settings". In the second box down, select "Edit Email Notifications." Change the settings according to your preferences.

## Posting Questions

Piazza uses folders to organize posts. When posting a question, tag it to the appropriate folder. There are four types of folders: homework, lessons, exams and others.

When posting questions about the homework, always put the homework assignment number and the question number in the title so that posts are more organized and easier to find. For example, HW 4 Question 6.

Be as detailed as possible when you post questions. Simply asking "How do you do this problem?" does not provide any detail. Explain how you have tried to solve the problem or what your confusion is. Attach a picture of your work if that's easier. The more detailed the post, the more explicit the response will be and the more efficient that the discussion will be.

Do NOT wait until the last minute to post a question.

## Look Before Posting

From our experience, if one person has a question about a problem or topic, several others likely have the same question. Before creating a new thread in the discussion board, look to see if someone else has posted the same question. If your question is related but slightly different, you can add to the thread by creating a "Follow Up" below the original post.

## Answering Questions

We have designated personnel to moderate Piazza closely. You are highly encouraged to answer questions posted by other students as well. This enriches the discussion, and questions can be answered even faster. When one explains the contents/problems to others, it often reinforces

his/her grasp of, and in some cases, deepens his/her understanding of, the material.

**Be Respectful**

We are all in this together. Be respectful in your posts.