**How do I create a Discussion as an instructor?**

[**https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1977**](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1977)

 As an instructor, you can create a discussion for your course.

1. **Open Discussions**
2. **Add Discussion**—Click the **Add Discussion** button.
3. **Create Discussion**
* In the Title field [1], create a title for your discussion.
* Use the Rich Content Editor [2] to create content for your discussion.
* You can also add links, files, and images to the discussion using the content selector [3].
* You can also add an attachment to your discussion by clicking the **Choose File** button [4].

1. **Add Discussion Options**
* By default, discussions are created as focused discussions.
* To create a threaded discussion, click the **Allow threaded replies** checkbox [1]. Learn more about [focused and threaded discussions](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2742).
* To [require users to reply to the discussion](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2775) before they can see any other replies, click the **Users must post before seeing replies** checkbox [2].
* To [enable a discussion podcast feed](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2771), click the **Enable podcast feed** checkbox [3].
* To [create a graded discussion](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2737), click the **Graded** checkbox [4].
* To allow students to [like discussion replies](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-3548), click the **Allow liking** checkbox [5].
* To make the discussion be a [group discussion](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2769), click the **This is a Group Discussion** checkbox.
* To make your discussion available on a specific date or during a specific date range, enter the dates in the **Available From** and **Until** fields, or click the calendar icons to select dates.



1. **Save and Publish**
* If you are ready to publish your discussion, click the **Save & Publish** button [1].
* If you want to create a draft of your discussion and publish it later, click the **Save** button [2].
*  When your discussion is saved in a draft state, you can return to the page and publish it at any time by clicking the **Publish** button.

1. **View Discussion**

