discussionintro

Overview

The discussion space provides the ability to

- Ask questions about course material
- Communicate with other students in the class (to organize study groups, for example).
- Ask other questions about issues related to the course.
- Answer questions posed by other students.

This is an informal discussion forum, which is freely visible on the internet. Faculty and TAs will read the forum frequently.

- It is appropriate for topics which are of interest to many students in the class.
- It is not appropriate for personal issues.
- It is not appropriate for issues which are time sensitive.
- Please do not add comments to pages apart from the discussion pages.

To start a new topic of discussion

1. Log in to the wiki (using your CITES information).
2. Each discussion topic will be labeled as a piece of "news". From the course space, click on Add >> News.
3. Give your topic a title (replacing the default title "new news").
4. Label your news item with one of the three labels: math (for mathematical questions), study (for study groups), or other. This will help us organize the space.
5. Write your post (in the "wiki markup" box). Preview your post. Save your post.

To contribute to an existing discussion thread

1. Go to the discussion space. You can also access this through Browse >> News.
2. Log in.
3. Click on the news item to which you want to respond.
4. Click add comment, write your response, and post it.

Advice for viewing discussion topics

- You can see the most recently updated news and comments on the main course page.
- The calendar on the right side allows you to see posts by date, or to see all posts for a month.
- Clicking on a particular label allows you to see all posts with this label.