

**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.