Enable Course Discussions and Forum

Course Discussions are a way to engage students in your courses as well as receive any questions or comments from your students about your course or certain topic.

Course Discussions can be started by teachers or by students. They can be enabled for each course separately.

To enable your students to start course discussions, make sure to check the option "Allow students to initiate discussions" on the course summary page in your Course Manager.

Visibility	
☑ Show this course in published course catalogs and on th	e front page
☐ Display Course Curriculum to Public If this option is on, non registered users will be able to see a list of the course topics. No access to course content is provided.	
☑ Allow students to initiate discussions on course topics	

This option only applies to students being able to initiate discussions. Teachers can start course discussions at any time.

If discussions are enabled students will be able to start discussions under each course topic.

How Teachers Start Discussions

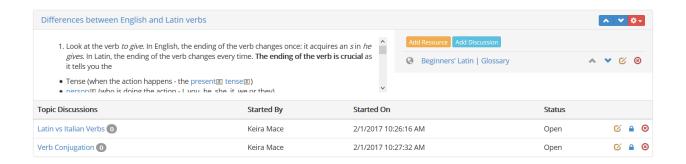
To start a discussion open your **Course Manager**, find your course and click the red options button next to it. Then click **Manage Course Content** to open the course content builder.

On the content builder page click the Start Discussion button for one of your course topics.



Students can start discussions in a similar way (if allowed) from the course content pages. Open course discussions show under each course topic.

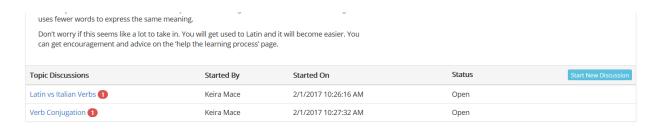
Discussions as seen in the Course Manager (by teachers)



Teachers can manage discussions by editing, closing or deleting them. A closed discussion can only be read. Students can only comment on open discussions.

Discussions as seen in the Course Content Page (by students)

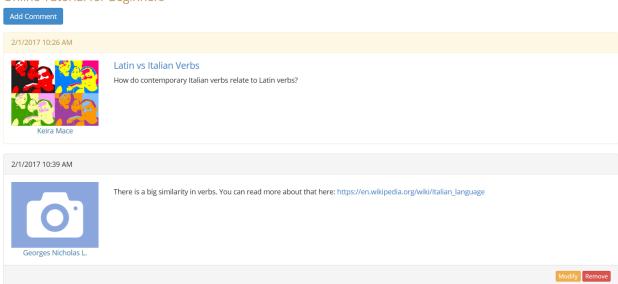
Students see a list of the discussions under each topic. If allowed they can start discussions using the Start Discussion button.



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To open a discussion click the respective title. All comments are displayed in a new window.

Discussion on topic Differences between English and Latin verbs in course Latin 1086 – 1733: A Practical Online Tutorial for Beginners



Students can modify their own comments only for a certain period of time. All further modifications can only be made by teachers.

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