



Discussion Board Grading

Forum and Thread Grading:

Grading settings are now available when creating or modifying a forum. When grading is enabled for a forum, instructors, teaching assistants, and users with the "Grader" or "Manager" forum roles will be able to access the Grade Forum Users page. Instructors may choose to grade the forum or to enable thread grading within the forum. If thread grading is enabled for the forum, instructors have the option to turn grading on or off for each new thread.

- *In a classroom setting, students are often expected to participate in class discussions and participation is part of the equation when assessing performance. Within a classroom, participation performance can be ambiguous. It is sometimes difficult to differentiate the student who is active but does not advance the discussion from the student that speaks less frequently but with greater impact.*
- *Student interactions with the Discussion Board are a permanent record of participation. The instructor has the option to grade students at the forum level or at the thread level. In this way the instructor can accurately compare student participation to the expectations set forth.*


Enable Grading

Grading options can be enabled when a forum is created or by modifying a forum that already exists.

1. Click **Modify** on the Discussion Board for a forum to change its settings.
2. The Grade settings appear at the bottom of the "Add Forum" page and the "Modify Forum" page. Select Grade Forum and enter a point value to evaluate participants on performance throughout the forum.
 - a. Important note: To evaluate participants on performance in each thread select "Select Grade Threads". When the "Grade Threads" option is used, a "Points Possible" option appears each time a thread is started. Keep in mind that users cannot create new threads if "Grade Threads" is selected for the forum.


The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for setting forum options. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like Announcements, Course Information, Faculty Information, Communication, Discussion Board, Course Documents, Tools, Bb Student Manual, Assignments, and Websites. The main content area is titled 'Forum Settings' and includes an 'Available' toggle set to 'Yes'. Below are several checkboxes for permissions: 'Allow anonymous posts', 'Allow author to remove own posts' (with sub-options for 'All posts' or 'Only posts with no replies'), 'Allow author to modify own published posts', 'Allow file attachments', 'Allow members to create new threads', 'Allow members to subscribe to threads', 'Allow members to rate posts', and 'Force moderation of posts'. The 'Grade' section has three radio button options: 'No grading in forum', 'Grade forum: Points possible' (which is selected and has a text input field containing '5'), and 'Grade threads'. At the bottom, there is a 'Submit' section with instructions to click 'Submit' to finish and 'Cancel' to quit, and a 'Required Field' indicator. 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons are at the bottom right.

- Once the discussion is complete and ready for grading, click on the grade button next to the desired discussion board to get a list of students.



Display Order	Forum	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants	Grade				
1	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 1) Based on the film, has the treatment of mental illness improved over the past 30 years? 2) Select three characters in the film, and describe what you think might be their	19	19	2		Modify	Manage	Remove	Copy

- Next click on the Grade button next to each person's name to get a window like the following:

FRENCH 103: LES FROMAGES, LES VINS, ET M. JERRY LEWIS (WS 2005) > DISCUSSION BOARD > GRADE FORUM USERS

 **Grade Forum Users**


Select the Grade button to view a user's posts and assign a grade. Points possible: 5

Last Name	First Name	Username	Posts	Grade	
Flowers	Sunny	123sf	1	-	
White	Betty	whitebetty	2	-	

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- A collection of the user's posts in the forum will appear. Evaluate the posts and assign a grade. Click **Submit** to add the grade to the Gradebook.

FRENCH 103: LES FROMAGES, LES VINS, ET M. JERRY LEWIS (WS 2005) > DISCUSSION BOARD > JERRY AND DEAN - THE GOOD OLD DAYS > COLLECTION

 **Grade: BettyWhite**

Points possible: 5

Grade:

Print Sort by: [Author](#)

Filter: Author: [Show All](#) Status: [Published](#)

Thread: Dean and Jerry Post: RE: Dean and Jerry Author: Betty White I don't think it was Decca records...	Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 Status: Published Overall rating: Not rated
Thread: I knew them well Post: I knew them well Author: Betty White Dean, Jerry, and I worked in Vegas together. They loved and hated each other.	Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 Status: Published Overall rating: Not rated

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