FIRST TERM RESOURCE: DISCUSSION BOARD POSTS

The discussion board is a very important component of any online learning environment. The discussion board is a place where students and instructors interact on a regular basis and course concepts are discussed.

Typically, in a Purdue University Global course, there is a discussion board activity in each unit.

Guidelines for Successful Discussion Board Participation

- Post early and often! Each unit typically ends on Tuesday (check with your professor and course syllabus to be certain), so it is wise to post well before the unit ends. It is difficult to have a meaningful discussion if a response is posted the day of or the day before the unit ends.
- Carefully read the discussion prompt before posting.
- Ask clarifying questions if you do not understand.
- Contribute to the discussion by staying on topic and posting pertinent comments and questions.
- Use spell check before posting.
- Always strive to be respectful, courteous, and thoughtful in each post.
- Read every reply to your posts.

Accessing Discussion Boards in Your Course

The Discussions area of your course is accessible on the Discussions tab of the main menu.

For help writing a discussion board post, visit the [PGWC Discussion Board resource webpage](#).

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