

# Best Practices for Enhancing Communications in Blackboard Learn

Here are some of our suggested Best Practices for how to use communication features of Blackboard Learn.

- 1. Create Discussion Boards with purpose.**  
Create Discussion Board forums for each subject or weekly unit to easily keep track of conversation as well as to simplify grading.
- 2. Use the Posts tool of MyBlackboard suite.**  
Use the Posts area of the MyBlackboard suite in the global navigation menu to make interacting with your courses Discussion Boards, Blogs, and Journals a breeze.
- 3. Check your Discussion Board settings.**  
Know about the Discussion Board's "Participants must create a thread in order to view other threads in this forum" setting.
- 4. Use the Discussion Board for students to ask questions.**  
Create a forum for "Course Questions", and then subscribe to that forum so that you can stay on top of Student needs in the class.
- 5. Consider using Blackboard Collaborate.**  
The Collaborate web conferencing software is a great option for synchronous online lectures which can also be record for student's access at another time. See [Best Practices for the use of Blackboard Collaborate](#).

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