Create a Space for Student Introductions

Overview

This document provides instructions for using the Discussion Forums Tool in Brightspace as a space for faculty and students to introduce themselves. Some instructors and students may find this analogous to how they used the Wiki in Blackboard.

Objectives

By following the guide, you will be able to:

- Part 1: Set up a Discussion topic
- Part 2: Provide a Video Demonstration for Students on How to Participate
- Part 3: Provide Text Instructions for Students on How to Participate

Part 1: Set up a Discussion Topic

- Start by following the instructions for How to Create a Discussion in Brightspace.

Part 2: Provide a Video Demonstration for Students on How to Participate

- For a video demonstration, share this link with your students:
  How to Participate in a Brightspace Discussion.
  This video includes directions on how to include a picture, if applicable.

Part 3: Provide Text Instructions for Students on How to Participate

Note: The following instructions are for students to help them get started and introduce themselves in a discussion.

1. Click the link to the Discussion (located in Content).
2. Click the **Start a New Thread** button.

3. Click in the ‘Enter a subject’ field and type a heading. (Ex: Craig Hill Introduction)
4. Click in the ‘Content’ field (below the editing icons) and introduce yourself to the rest of the class.

Introductions

Please introduce yourself to the class by posting a picture of yourself and answering the questions below.

1. What is your preferred name?
2. Where are you from?
3. What is your favorite food?
4. Who is your favorite band? Why?
5. What is the best class you have ever taken (can include K-12)? What made it amazing?
6. If you could go anywhere in the whole universe, where would you go and why?
7. What is something you want us to know about you?
8. What is something you would like to know about the people in this class?

Enter a subject

Hi. My name is Alexander Butler.
1. Alex Butler
2. Indianapolis, but I have lived in a lot of different places.

5. To add a video, click the **Insert Stuff** ( 🎬 ) icon.
   - Use Insert Stuff for media such as Kaltura, links, or to record a Video Note
6. To insert an image, click the **Insert Image (🖼️)** icon.
   - Use Insert Image to insert standard image types such as JPG, TIF, PNG, and GIF.

7. When finished, click the **Post** button.
8. After clicking **Post**, your finished product will look like this in the discussion board.

![Discussion Board Screenshot](attachment:\discussion_board_screenshot.png)

9. You can click on the **more** option to see more of the post, including the picture.

![Expanded Post](attachment:\expanded_post_screenshot.png)

10. After you click the **more** button, your screen will look like this.

![Expanded Post with Image](attachment:\expanded_post_with_image_screenshot.png)