

Creating a discussion in Blackboard Ultra is a great way to engage students and encourage interaction. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you set up a discussion:

Steps to Create a Discussion in Blackboard Ultra

1. **Navigate to Course Content:**
 - Go to your course in Blackboard Ultra and navigate to the **Course Content** page.
2. **Create a New Discussion:**
 - Click the **circled plus icon**  where you want to add the discussion.
 - Select **Create** from the dropdown menu, then choose **Discussion** in the Create Item panel.
3. **Enter Discussion Details:**
 - **Title:** Provide a descriptive title for your discussion.
 - **Instructions:** Add any the discussion prompt, as well as details for the discussion. You can format the text, add links, images, and other media.
4. **Set Discussion Options:**
 - Click on the **Settings** icon (the gear icon) to open the discussion settings panel.
 - **Grading:** If you want to grade the discussion, select the **Grade discussion** checkbox and specify the points possible.
 - **Visibility:** Choose when the discussion will be visible to students. You can set availability conditions based on date, time, or performance on other items.
 - **Post First:** Enable this option if you want students to post their response before seeing other students' posts.
5. **Save and Publish:**
 - Once you've configured all the settings, save the discussion.
 - Make sure to set the discussion to be visible to students when you're ready for them to access it.

Additional Tips

- **Group Discussions:** You can create group discussions by assigning groups in the discussion setting.
- **Moderation:** You can moderate discussions by reviewing posts before they are visible to other student.

These steps should help you create and manage discussions effectively in Blackboard Ultra. If you have any specific questions or need further assistance, feel free to ask!