



Discussion is an effective way to explore the ideas of this course with peers. In the spirit of keeping conversation supportive and enriching we ask that you take a moment to review the following discussion forum guidelines:

- *Be respectful.* Please respect your fellow students. The diversity of your peers as well as where they teach will make for interesting discussions but only when done in a polite and respectful manner. Insulting, condescending or abusive words will not be tolerated and will be reported and removed.
- *Be constructive.* Look for ways to support the ideas of your peers and make suggestions for related resources that may help.
- *Be sensitive.* This is a global forum with participants from many different cultures and backgrounds. Be sensitive when discussing race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or controversial topics since others may be more sensitive about them than you are.
- *Post appropriately.* Content that violates the Terms of Service is not permitted. You may not post inappropriate or copyrighted content, advertisements or promotions of outside products or organizations, or spam the forums with repetitive content.

Please respect the code of conduct.

In addition, please consider the following guidelines when posting in the course forums.

## FORUM POSTING GUIDELINES



1. *Read before posting.* Your comment or question should build on what's already been discussed. If you have a question, scan through to see if it's already been addressed and use the search function to avoid creating duplicate threads and find the most appropriate topic thread to post in.
2. *Use informative titles.* Keep your post titles short and on-topic so the forums are easier to navigate. If you're asking a question, it should go in the title.
3. *Make it easy to read.* Present facts and background information in your post. Don't capitalize or bold entire sentences as this makes the forums harder to read. Check your posts for spelling or grammatical errors.
4. *Stay on topic.* Don't change the topic of a thread or split a thread into multiple discussions. If you are discussing something that is not directly related to the course materials, pick one thread instead of discussing over multiple threads. And please, don't post the same post/question in more than one forum.
5. *Help keep the site friendly.* If you think a comment is inappropriate, please click "Report" to let us know about it.

Based on "Forum Guidelines" from [AMS.URB.1x Sustainable Urban Development](#)