

## **DISCUSSION FORUM GUIDELINES**

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| The discussion forum is the primary way for you to communicate with other students and the course staff. We hope that the forum serves as a useful resource, and that the students develop a sense of community. You are encouraged to introduce yourself to other students using the discussion forum. However participation in the discussion forum is not required.

### **Search before asking**

Before asking a question, check to see if someone else has already done so. The search function can be found by clicking on the magnifying glass icon at the top of the Discussions list. The forum works best when people collaborate in discussions!

### **Be specific**

Write a concise yet descriptive title for your post, and provide enough information for others to understand the question or problem. What exercise or video are you talking about? Which part? What do you not understand, or what have you tried already?

### **Write clearly**

Correct spelling and grammar will help others to understand you and provide useful responses. Please avoid using all capital letters, abbreviation of words, and excessive punctuation.

### **Use the forums to help you learn**

Most material in the course includes a “Show Discussion” link below it. Clicking on this link will show all discussions on the forum associated with that particular exercise or video.

### **Be polite and avoid profanity**

You are participating in a global classroom with students from around the world and often very different backgrounds. Profanity will not be tolerated.

### **Observe the Honor Code**

We encourage collaboration and learning communities, but please avoid asking for and/or posting answers to assignments. Those caught cheating may have their accounts disabled and their progress erased.

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