

Discussion Forum Guidelines:

The discussion forum is the main way for you to communicate with the course team and other students. We hope it contributes to a sense of community and serves as a useful resource for your learning.

- **Observe the honor code:** We encourage collaboration and help between students, but please avoid asking for and posting final answers. Those caught violating this policy may have their accounts disabled and their progress erased.
- **Search before asking:** The forum will be hard to use if there are multiple threads on the same issue and the best discussions happen when several people participate in a single thread. Before asking a question, use the search feature by clicking on the magnifying glass at the top right of the list of postings.
 - Note, in particular, that the staff has started a number of general purpose threads for common question categories. You can find these by searching for “[General]”.
- **Organize discussions:** On many pages in the learning sequences and homework, there are links at the bottom for “Show Discussion” and “New Post”. Clicking on this link will show all discussion on the forum associated with this particular learning material. You can also find these posts on specific items from the pull-down at the top center of the list.
- **Be polite:** We have learners from all around the world and with different backgrounds. Something that is easy for you may be challenging for someone else. Let’s build an encouraging community.
- **Encourage useful posts:** This applies to both questions and responses. Click on the green plus button at the top right of the box for either a post or a response. In this way, useful posts can be found more easily.
- **Posts directed to staff:** If you specifically want to have a staff member look at your post, please write [Staff] at the start of your title. This is most relevant for any questions regarding technical aspects of the course. We encourage participation by all students in the learning process, so a [Staff] tag is not appropriate for any physics questions.
- **Be specific and concise:** Try to compose a title which is descriptive and provide as much information as possible without being overly long: In your title, specify the problem or video and, in a few words, what your issue is. In the question text, describe what aspect you do not understand and what you have already tried doing.
- **Write clearly:** We know that English is a second language for many of you but correct grammar will help others to respond. Avoid ALL CAPS, abbrv of wrds (abbreviating words), and excessive punctuation!!!!