

## Online Discussion Pedagogy

The Teaching Online Pedagogical Repository (<http://topr.online.ucf.edu>) is a collaborative, flexible space for teachers and designers to contribute strategies, tips and tricks, and best practices concerning elements such as course content, interaction, and assessment.

The Repository offers additional resources related to pedagogy in online discussions, including:

*Before the Discussion:* Selecting discussion prompts to structure student learning and interaction ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Discussion\\_Prompts](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Discussion_Prompts)); setting clear discussion expectations ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Setting\\_Discussion\\_Expectations](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Setting_Discussion_Expectations)); and selecting the facilitator for the discussion ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Discussion\\_Facilitator](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Discussion_Facilitator)).

*During the Discussion:* Strategies of facilitating discussions to promote interaction and critical thinking as they happen (<http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Facilitate>)

*After the Discussion:* Evaluating discussions using rubrics (<http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Rubrics>)

There are also resources about having discussions in *large classes* ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Discussions\\_large\\_classes](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Discussions_large_classes)) and strategies for working in groups through discussion ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Group\\_Discussion\\_Strategy](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Group_Discussion_Strategy)).

*Additional Topics:* Social bookmarking ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Social\\_Bookmarking](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Social_Bookmarking)); using collaborative social media to facilitate peer and professor feedback ([http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Peer\\_and\\_Professor\\_Feedback](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Peer_and_Professor_Feedback))

## Technical Support

Using the Discussion tool in Webcourses@UCF: <http://onlinesupport.cdl.ucf.edu/faculty-documentation/webct-faculty-discussions/>

The following topics are covered:

- Link to and create course content in a Learning Module in one step
- Link to existing course content in a Learning Module
- Lock a Discussion posting
- Delete a Discussion post
- Move a Discussion topic to a category
- Grade a gradable Discussion topic
- Create a gradable Discussion topic

- Create a Discussion category
- Create a Blog or Journal Discussion topic in the Discussion tool
- Manage visibility settings for a Assessments and other tools

Setting up multiple group discussions using the Discussion Tool in Webcourses@UCF:

[http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Category:Group\\_Discussion](http://topr.online.ucf.edu/index.php/Category:Group_Discussion)