Discussion Board

Discussion allows you to start discussions of themes, concepts and issues, for instance. You can choose to make participation in a discussion into part of an assignment, or allow discussion to be on a voluntary basis and initiated by the students themselves. Anyone who is registered for the course can create discussion forums and threads, as well as taking part in discussions across different forums.

This is what to do
1. Choose + in the top left-hand corner above the menu.
2. Add a Tool Link.
3. Give the discussion area a name, choose Discussion Board on the list and mark Available to Users.
4. You have now added a discussion area to the menu on the left. A link to the discussion area is at the bottom, but you can move it by dragging the arrow on the left.
5. Choose the menu point to open the blog area. This opens a Discussion Board, which gives you an overview of all the course discussions. From here you can create a Forum, from where the discussion unfolds in Threads.
6. Choose Create Forum and give it a name ("Discussion of concepts", for instance). You can also add a description.
7. Choose Submit to save the forum.
8. You can now create a discussion thread. Open the forum and choose Create Thread. This is where you can create various discussion threads, based (for instance) on concepts in the teaching. All the members of a course or group can create threads in a discussion forum.
9. When the thread is viewed by other users (on the front page of the course, for instance), they can reply to entries immediately (choose Reply), or mark the thread with a flag under Message Actions and read the thread later.
10. You can also subscribe to a discussion forum. Choose Subscribe next to Create Thread. When you subscribe to a forum you will receive notifications by email from Blackboard when anyone publishes an entry or comment in the forum. You can always choose Unsubscribe again if you have any regrets.