

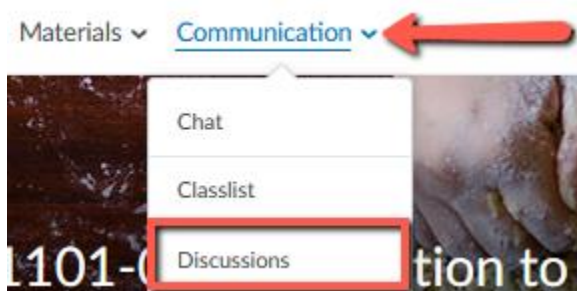


# Discussion Topic Availability Dates

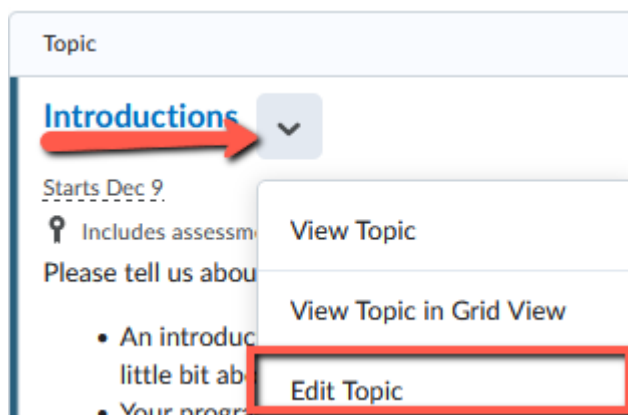
This document demonstrates how to set and adjust availability dates for a discussion topic. Setting availability dates impacts when students can view and interact with discussion topics in your course.

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1. From your course navigation bar, select the drop-down arrow next to **Communication**, then select **Discussions**:



2. Select the dropdown arrow beside the discussion topic you would like to set and choose **Edit Topic**:





3. Click on the heading **Availability Dates & Conditions** to expand the section:

4. Click within the date box to select a discussion topic start date and click within the time box to set a start time:

5. Click **Visible with access restricted** to determine how the topic will appear before the start date:

Before start: **Visible with access restricted**

- **Visible with access restricted:** students will be able to see the name of the discussion but will not be able to open it or interact with the discussion before the start date.

- **Visible with submission restricted:** students will be able to access and view the activity, but they cannot complete it before the start date. In addition, students can see the activity's description and rubric or other evaluation requirements.

- **Hidden:** students will not be able to see any information about the activity until the start date. This includes not displaying calendar events or sending notifications.



## End Date

6. Click within the date box to select a discussion topic end date and click within the time box to set an end time:

7. Click **Visible with access restricted** to determine how the topic will appear after the end date:

After end: **Visible with access restricted**

Visible with access restricted

- **Visible with access restricted:** students will be able to see the name of the discussion after the End Date but will not be able to open it or interact with the discussion after the end date.

Visible with submission restricted

- **Visible with submission restricted:** students will be able to view the activity, but they cannot complete it after the end date.

Hidden

- **Hidden:** students will not be able to see any information about the activity. This includes not displaying calendar events or sending notifications.

8. Select **Save and Close**: