

Using Class Conversations

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Class Conversations allow students to collaboratively engage with each other. It can be a place to seek help or to help each other, and it can be a way to share ideas and resources. Unlike discussions, conversations are not graded.

Conversations can be initiated in the following items:

- Documents
- Assignments
- Group assignments
- Tests
- Group tests
- Offline submissions
- Links to teaching tools

Setting Up Conversations

1. Select the item you want to start a Class Conversation in from the **Course Content** page.
2. Select the **gear icon**. The Settings panel is displayed.

Blackboard Ultra Course

Group Assignment

Visible to students

Content and Settings

(0) Submissions

Create your assessment
Select the plus icon to get started

☒ Allow students to add content at end of assessment

Students can add text, images, and files here.

Assignment Settings

- Due date**
3/24/23, 12:00 AM (EDT)
- Grade category**
Assignment
- Grading**
Points | 100 maximum points
Post grades manually when assessment is graded. [Change grade posting setting.](#)
- Attempts allowed**
1 attempt
- Assigned groups**
5 groups
- Originality Report**
SafeAssign enabled

3. Select **Allow class conversations**.

Assignment Settings

Details & Information

Due date

7/11/24



11:59 PM



Course Information

Document Settings

Details & Information



Allow class conversations

Students and instructors can have quick exchanges within the document. Everyone can see the conversation.

☐ No due date


☐ Prohibit late submissions
In progress attempts will be submitted automatically at the due date and time

☐ Prohibit new attempts after due date
Students can't start new attempts once the due date and time has passed

☒ Allow class conversations

☐ Collect submissions offline

Additional Tools

 **Goals & standards**
[Align with goals](#)

Description

Add a description

Maximum 750 characters

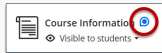
Note: When students open the item with class conversations enabled, they will see the following conversation icon displayed. Selecting this icon will allow the student to contribute to the conversation.



Accessing Conversations

You will be notified to when a student has contributed to the class conversation in two ways.

1. You will see the conversation icon glow blue. **Note:** This icon will disappear once viewed.



2. You will see an alternative conversation icon when you open an item.




Replying to Conversations


You can reply to student responses.

1. Select the conversation and navigate to the response you want to reply to.
2. Select **Reply** located underneath the response.

Course Information

Conversations

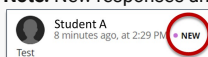




Student A
 2 minutes ago, at 2:29 PM • **NEW**

Test

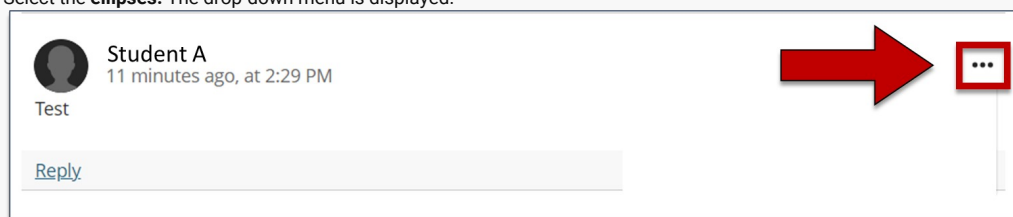
Note: New responses and replies are indicated by the **new** icon.



Editing and Deleting Conversations

You can edit or delete a student's response.

1. Identify the post you want to edit or delete.
2. Select the **ellipses**. The drop-down menu is displayed.



3. Select **Edit** or **Delete**.

Additional Resources

- [Conversations in Blackboard Ultra](#)

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