PIAZZA FORUMS

Discussions Platform

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Highlights...

- Why Forums?

- Why Piazza?

- Blackboard Integration

- Assessing Participation

- Future of Piazza

- Alternatives?

Why Forums (and Not)

- Asynchronous

- Sense of Belonging to Learning Community

- Marginal Utility of Instructor Activity in Forums
  - Active Instructor vs Student Engagement

- Forced participation?

Why Piazza?

- **Question, Note, Poll** – with follow-ups, Anonymous (Not Total)

- Avoid Duplicate Posts – Redirect Email Questions to Forum

- Instructor Endorsements

- Powerful Search and Filter Options, Tagging

- Groups, Live Q&A, etc.

- Accessibility, FERPA

Blackboard Integration

- Open Piazza Directly in Blackboard
  - Create a tool link inside **Content**, **Folder** or **Left Menu** panel
  - Hide Blackboard's native discussions board
    (You can add it back via **Tool Link** on menu)

- Setup Piazza Connections on Initial Access

Assessing Participation

- Discussion Rubrics - Samples

- Statistics/Reports - Endoresed posts

Future of Piazza

- 2021: Paid/Ad Supported Model
  - Central License for Institutions
  - For Instructors – Ad-Supported model through Aug1, 2020
    - Paid Subscription required for Polls, Class Statistics, and Class-locking
  - Student-Pay Model ($2/mo email, $8/term on web?)
  - Instructor License $379/term (400 students max…) unlimited
    - Instructor and their classes per term)
  - Department License $9K/yr for 2K students, $12K/yr for 3K

Alternatives?

- Campuswire

- Slack

- Discord

- GroupMe