# Posting to Discussions in Canvas

In this section, you will learn how to view, reply to, and edit discussion posts.

To get started, **click the Discussions link** in Course Navigation. This takes you to the Discussions Index page.

From the Discussions Index page, you can view a list of all discussions in your course, filter the list of discussions to view all or unread discussions, search for a specific discussion by title or keyword, and, if enabled by your instructor, you can start a new discussion.

By default, when you view a discussion, unread replies are automatically marked as read when you scroll past them. You can disable this option by **clicking the Settings icon**. Select the Manually mark posts as read checkbox to help you keep track of which posts still need review when you view a discussion. **Click the Save Settings button** when you are done.

The Discussions Index page is organized into three areas: Pinned Discussions, Discussions, and Closed for Comments. The Pinned section displays a list of discussions that your instructor wants to show at the top of your Discussions page. The Discussions section displays a list of current discussions with most recently active listed first. The Closed for Comments section displays a list of discussions with expired availability dates and discussions that have been manually closed.

You can also view at-a-glance information for individual discussions. Graded discussions display the assignment icon, and discussions that require a peer review display the peer review icon. Dates display for graded discussions, and for discussions with assigned to-do dates. **Click the subscribe icon** to subscribe or unsubscribe to a discussion. You can also view the number of unread and total replies in a discussion.

To view a discussion, **click on the discussion title.** To search for a specific entry, type the author or keyword in the search field. To view unread replies, **click the Unread button.** To collapse or expand replies, use the collapse replies and expand replies buttons. If you'd like to receive notifications of new replies in the discussion, **click the Subscribe button.** If enabled, you can like a post by **clicking the Like icon.**

To reply to the discussion, **click reply in the main discussion.** To reply to another student's post, **click the Reply button under their post.** Your discussion reply will appear below the initial reply and may appear as a threaded response depending on your course settings. Use the Rich Content Editor to add your comment and any relevant content. When you've finished your reply, **click the Post Reply button.** To edit your response, **click the Options icon and click Edit**