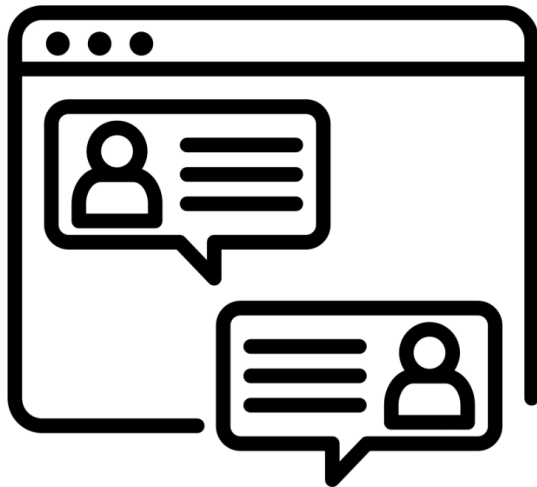


Engage Students Effectively in Educational Online Discussions

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In Educational Online discussions, instructor posts topics or questions for students to respond to, either directly or through peer interactions.

KSU Learning Management System (LMS) offers a "Discussion Board" tool to effectively facilitate and organize these interactions.



To make educational online discussions effective, follow these steps:

- ★ Define goals, expectations, and provide clear instructions on student roles and responsibilities.
- ★ Structure discussion topics and establish rules for appropriate behavior & participation frequency.
- ★ Make educational online discussions a core part of the course, connecting them to in-class activities, and set clear start and end times for each discussion.
- ★ Create a positive space by participating in discussions, challenging students in a supportive way, encouraging diverse participation, and asking different types of questions to deepen the discussion.
- ★ End discussions by summarizing the key points to reinforce understanding.

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