Discussions Redesign

The Canvas Discussions redesign offers many exciting opportunities to bolster collaboration through many modern, flexible discussion features. This redesign takes some of the impactful legacy functionality and gives it a modern UI, improved peer-to-peer interaction, and more robust moderation tools for instructors.

With the redesign, Canvas Discussions helps through:

- Cleaner UI for accessibility

- Flexible viewing options, including inline and split view

- Reply reporting with notifications to instructors

- Quoting functionality

- Improved search with highlighting

- Full and partial anonymous graded Discussions

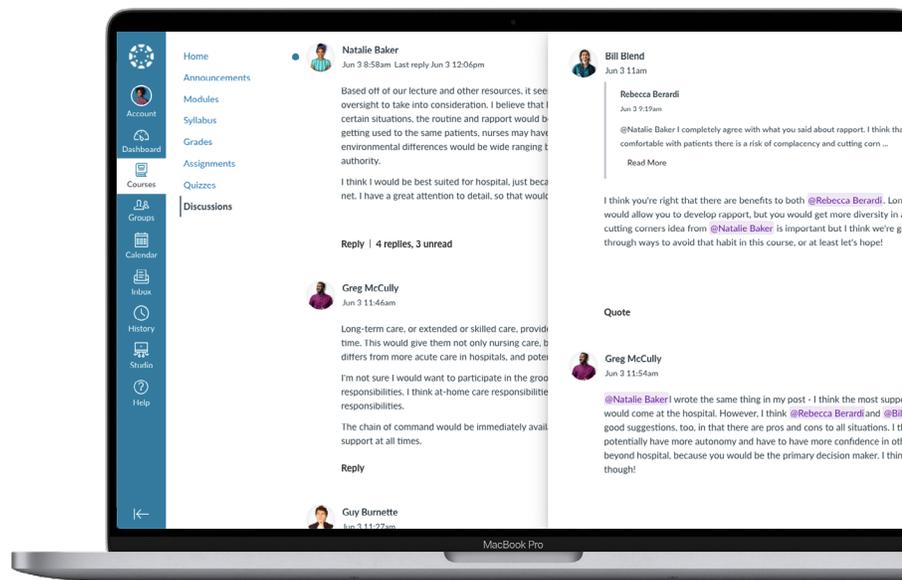- Additional sorting and filtering options for users

Why Canvas Discussions?

The new redesign allows for better peer-to-peer interaction through a modern discussion forum. With improved design for a more accessible experience, coupled with a variety of improved features for better usability, Canvas Discussions allows for a more relevant and more efficient Discussion experience.

So, what's changing?

Discussions has long been a fixture of the Canvas experience. There may be trepidation about what is changing, or what long-standing functionality is leaving.

The truth is, no existing Discussion functionality is going away. The redesign is solely focused on elevating the current Discussion experience.

Feature	Legacy Discussions	Discussions Redesign
Users must post before seeing replies	✓	✓
Reply posts can be marked as read or unread	✓	✓
Discussion time stamp edit display	✓	✓
Previous/Next buttons for Modules	✓	✓
Group Discussions	✓	✓
Peer Review	✓	✓
Add to Student To-do List	✓	✓
View Deleted Posts	✓	✓
Rubrics	✓	✓
Full and Partial Anonymity for Graded Discussions	✗	✓
Improved Accessibility	✗	✓
Split View	✗	✓
Reply Reporting	✗	✓
Quoting and @ Mentions	✗	✓
Search and Filtering	✓	✓*

* Legacy Discussions Design had search functionality, but this has been strongly improved.