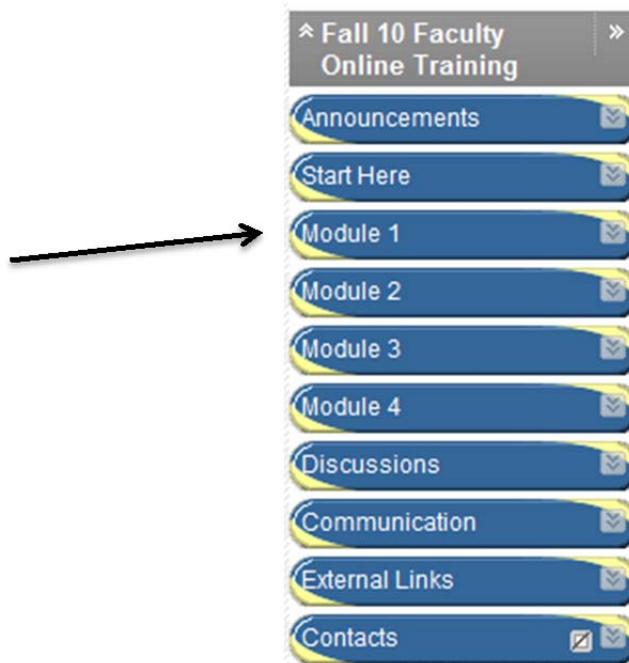# Linking Assignment to Discussion Board

This tutorial will demonstrate how to create a link to connect your assignment section to the Discussion Board. You can use this example to include forums from your Blackboard in each module.

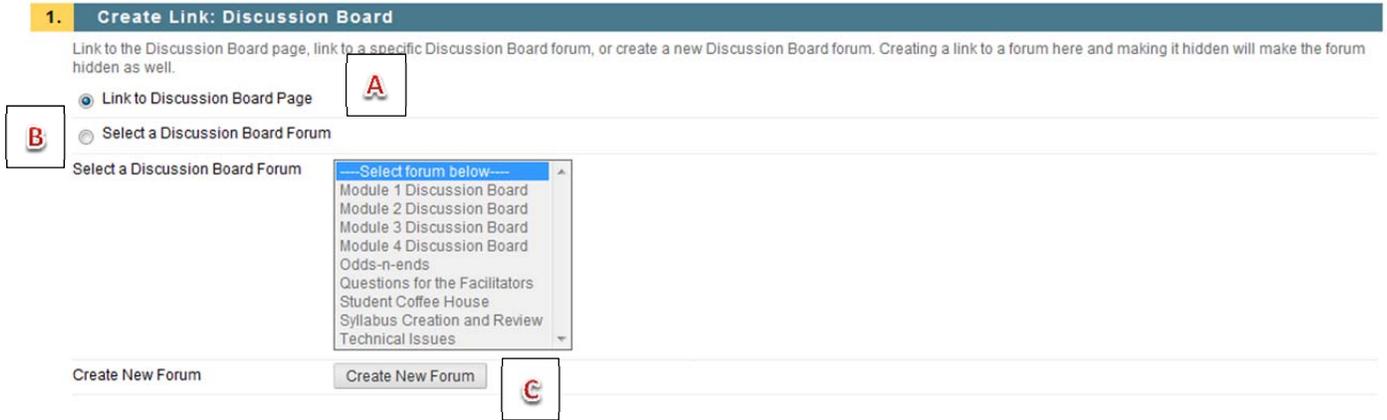1. Once inside your course, make sure *Edit Mode* (upper right corner) has been turned '*On*'.

Edit Mode is: **ON**

2. From your course menu on the left choose where you want to display the *Discussion Board* Link

> ☆ Fall 10 Faculty Online Training
> Announcements
> Start Here
> Module 1
> Module 2
> Module 3
> Module 4
> Discussions
> Communication
> External Links
> Contacts

3. From the '*Add Interactive tool*' dropdown, choose '*Discussion Board*'

Add Interactive Tool ⌄
> Discussion Board
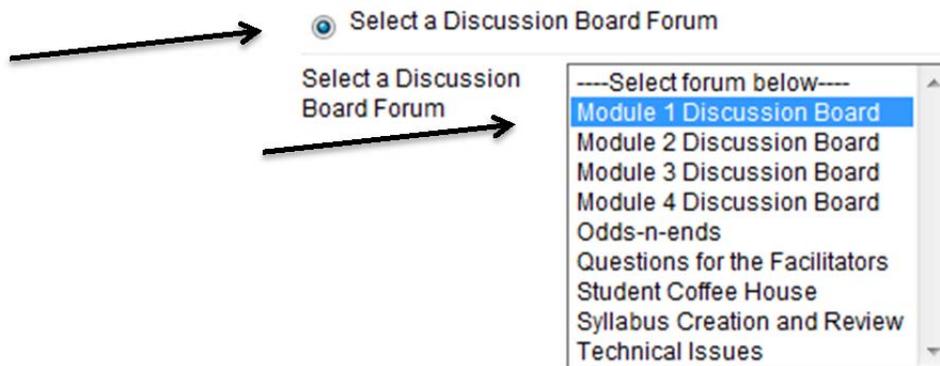> Blog
> Journal
> Wiki
> Wimba Classroom

4. The next window will give you three options:
   a. The first one gives you a link to the <u>all Forums</u> that you have on your *Discussion Board*;
   b. the second one gives you the option <u>specify the Forum</u> that you would like the student to respond to;
   c. in case you do not have the forum created yet, the third option allows you to <u>create the forum</u> that you would like the student to respond to.

Let's go through the second option, because it requires a few extra steps.
Step 1: Select the option *'Select a Discussion Board Forum'*.
Step 2: Select the Forum that you created for that specific module.

5. After you choose your option you can select *'Next'*

6. A new window will open and it will name the link with the same name that you named your forum. Also you can change the color, and give any additional instruction for your students on how to complete this activity. We strongly recommend you to copy and paste the text that you have on your forum.

Create Link: Discussion Board

* Indicates a required field.

Cancel   Submit

1.	Link Information

* Link Name   Module 1 Discussion Board

Color of Name   ▣ ⌄ Blue

Link   Discussion Board: Module 1 Discussion Board

Text   Text Editor is: ▨ OFF

We suggest you to repeat the question or topic that should be discussed by your students.

7. Make the link available to students or not, and set date and time restrictions if desire

2.	Options

Available   ⦿ Yes ○ No

Track Number of Views   ○ Yes ⦿ No

Date Restrictions   ☐ Display After [   ] 🗓 [   ] 🕘
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

☐ Display Until [   ] 🗓 [   ] 🕘
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

8. Click *Submit*

3.	Submit

Cancel   Submit

9. The new link should be now added to the module that you been working on. It will probably be located on the bottom.

Module 1 Discussion Board ⌄
We suggest you to repeat the question or topic that should be discussed by your students.