

Embedding Videos and Example Posts in your Canvas Discussions

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While many instructors integrate online discussions into their hybrid and remote classes, they often find that students' contributions to the discussions lack critical or creative thinking. Peer-reviewed research on online discussion forums supports this observation that student posts in online discussion forums seldom move past comprehension.

However, [research also shows that clear expectation and robust assessment encourage more sophisticated and critical discussion](#). In addition, providing students with examples of strong discussion posts has been shown to increase the quality of student posts. Therefore, I have [created a video](#) for students which explains our expectations for online discussion in composition courses. In addition, I have created [a document for students](#) with examples of strong discussion posts and replies.

I encourage you to share the video and examples with your students in the first week or two of your course, especially in first-year courses CO130 and CO150. After asking your students to view these materials, you could even have your students practice discussion by discussing what makes for good discussion!

Instructions to Embed Video and Example Posts into Your Canvas Course

You can embed [this video](#) for students directly into your Canvas course. Follow these directions to do so.

Step 1:

The video is available through MS Stream at this link:

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/9d5d1f84-d6d5-4c1d-a343-51bbfe1e8d70?list=studio>

Step 2:

Select 'Share,' below the video, followed by 'Embed.'

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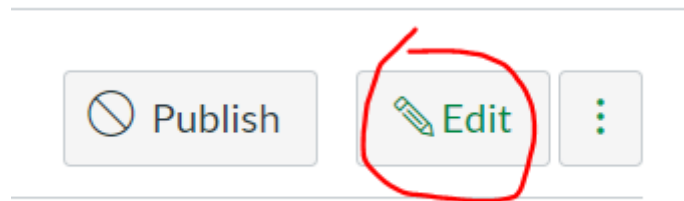
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Step 4:

Go to the Canvas page in which you want to embed the video and select 'Edit.'



Step 5:

Open the HTML editor.

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Rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold, Italic, Underline, Text Color, Background Color, Bulleted List, Numbered List, Indent, Outdent, Undo, Redo, Link, Unlink, Image, Table, YouTube, and Paragraph. The text area contains "Welcome to CO130!"

Step 6:

Paste the embed code at the desired location in the HTML text and click 'Save.'

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<p>Joyce Vore (she/her/hers)<br />Joyce.Vore@colostate.edu<br />English Department</p>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
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<p><em>Now, please follow the steps below to continue your orientation to this course.</em></p>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<h2>Step 1: Read the course syllabus</h2>
<p>The <a href="https://colostate.instructure.com/courses/107751/assignments/syllabus">course syllabus</a> will
provide you with instructor contact information, course objectives, explanations of assignments and assessments, grading
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