



D2L - Discuss - 'Availability'

**Supports student-content/student/instructor interaction*

"Communications > Discuss > Edit Topic > 'Restrictions' tab"

Has Start Date



'Visible with access restricted before start' - Students can view the item but cannot click or open it



'Visible with submission restricted before start' - Students can click and access the description but cannot submit anything until the start date/time



'Hidden before start' - Students cannot view until the Start Date/Time

Has End Date



'Visible with access restricted after end' - Students can view the item but cannot click or open it



'Visible with submission restricted after end' - Students can click and access the description but cannot submit anything after the end date/time



'Hidden after end' - The discussion item disappears from students' view after the end date/time

Best Practice: Use the 'Visible with submission restricted 'before start' and 'after end' enabling students to view the discussion description and be able to refer to it later.

**Standards I.3 & V.2 of Quality Assurance Rubric for Online Courses*

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