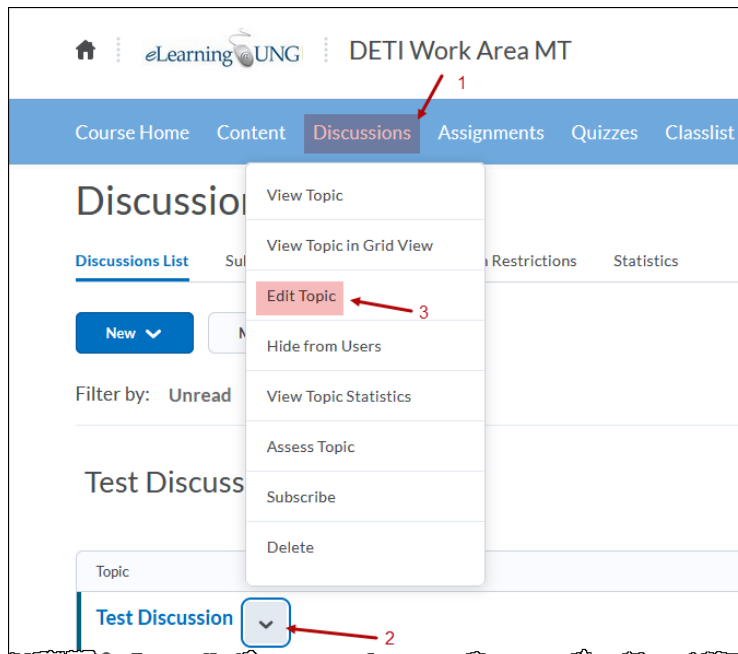
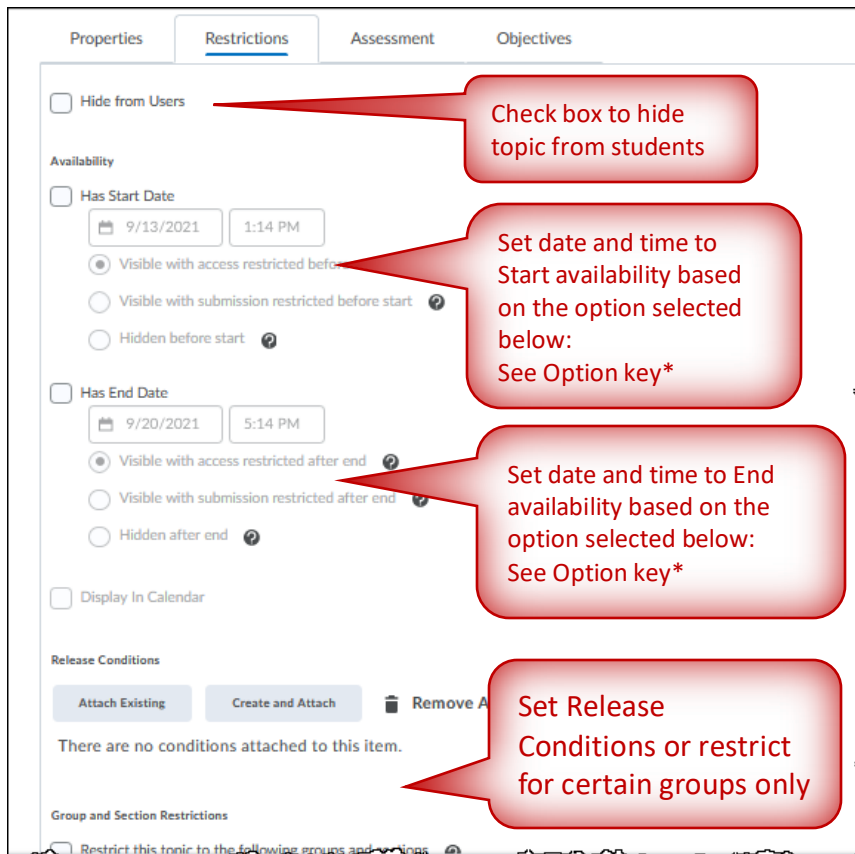


Setting Availability and Restrictions for Discussion Topic

Setting time period windows for discussions postings and reading is done through the Edit Topic settings for a topic (in place of locking settings from earlier version):




Click on “Restrictions:”



*Option key:

- **Visible with access restricted before start/after end** - Visible in discussion list but not clickable
- **Visible with submission restricted before/after end start** - Visible and clickable for viewing, but can't post (Posts can be made between Start and End dates and time, this setting works like “unlocking” between dates)
- **Hidden before/after start/end** - Not visible on discussion list

Tip: Click on  for additional hint and info. about setting

Example settings for different discussion scenarios:

1. A discussion assignment is scheduled to begin on Mon., Oct. 11th at 8 AM (posting may begin) and remain open to postings until Weds. Oct. 13th at midnight. The discussion will remain open to view and read by students after the Weds. Oct. 13th midnight deadline for postings.

The screenshot shows the 'Restrictions' tab of a discussion assignment configuration. The 'Availability' section is expanded. Under 'Has Start Date', the date is 10/11/2021 and the time is 8:00 AM. The radio button for 'Visible with submission restricted before start' is selected. Under 'Has End Date', the date is 10/13/2021 and the time is 11:59 PM. The radio button for 'Visible with submission restricted after end' is selected. Two red callout boxes provide additional context: one points to the start date and time, stating 'Students can click on discussion, but can't post until the date and time shown'; the other points to the end date and time, stating 'Students cannot post after date and time shown, but can read all postings made in discussion.'

2. A discussion assignment is scheduled to begin and becomes accessible (clickable) on Wed., Nov. 10th at 12 Noon (posting may begin) and remain open to postings until Sat. Nov. 13th at 11 PM. The discussion will close completely to all new postings and readings after Sat. Nov. 13th at 11 PM.

The screenshot shows the 'Availability' section of a discussion assignment configuration. Under 'Has Start Date', the date is 11/10/2021 and the time is 12:00 PM. The radio button for 'Visible with access restricted before start' is selected. Under 'Has End Date', the date is 11/13/2021 and the time is 11:00 PM. The radio button for 'Hidden after end' is selected. Two red callout boxes provide additional context: one points to the start date and time, stating 'Students cannot click on discussion until the date and time shown.'; the other points to the end date and time, stating 'Students will not see the discussion in their discussion list after the date and time shown.'

Examples of Discussion list for the options shown in the Options key (above):

Visible with access restricted before start/after end - Visible in discussion list but not clickable

Example:

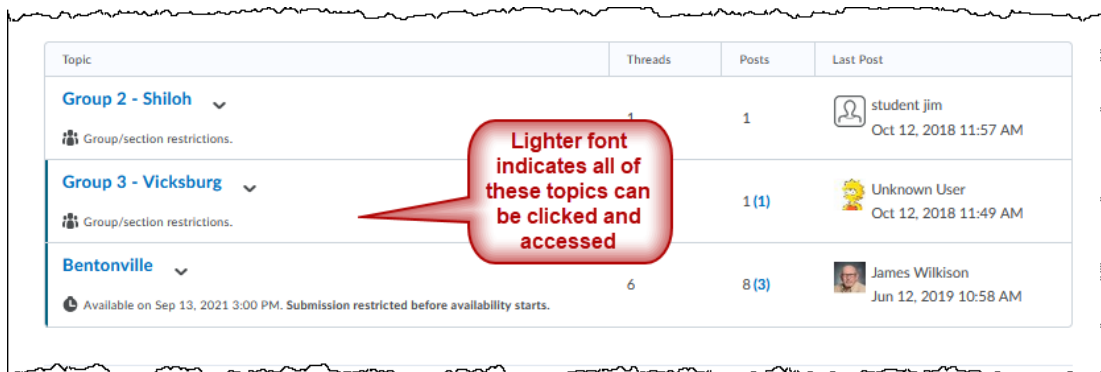


The screenshot shows a table of discussion topics. The 'Bentonville' topic is highlighted with a red callout box that says "Heavier, darker font indicates not clickable".

Topic	Threads	Posts	Last Post
Group 2 - Shiloh Group/section restrictions.	1	1	student jim Oct 12, 2018 11:57 AM
Group 3 - Vicksburg Group/section restrictions.		1 (1)	Unknown User Oct 12, 2018 11:49 AM
Bentonville Available on Sep 13, 2021 3:00 PM. Access restricted before availability starts.			

Visible with submission restricted before/after end start - Visible and clickable for viewing, but can't post

Example:



The screenshot shows a table of discussion topics. The 'Bentonville' topic is highlighted with a red callout box that says "Lighter font indicates all of these topics can be clicked and accessed".

Topic	Threads	Posts	Last Post
Group 2 - Shiloh Group/section restrictions.	1	1	student jim Oct 12, 2018 11:57 AM
Group 3 - Vicksburg Group/section restrictions.		1 (1)	Unknown User Oct 12, 2018 11:49 AM
Bentonville Available on Sep 13, 2021 3:00 PM. Submission restricted before availability starts.	6	8 (3)	James Wilkison Jun 12, 2019 10:58 AM

However, when accessed, there are no buttons for posting:



The screenshot shows the 'Bentonville' discussion page. It includes a 'Subscribe' button, a description of the discussion, and a 'Rubrics' section with a link to 'Discussion Board Participation - R5'. A red callout box points to the 'New thread' button area, stating "New thread button usually here".

Bentonville
 Available on Sep 13, 2021 3:00 PM. Submission restricted before availability starts.

[Subscribe](#)

Discuss the impact of this battle on the war. Consider military, economic, political impacts as well as any others you find or know of.

Rubrics

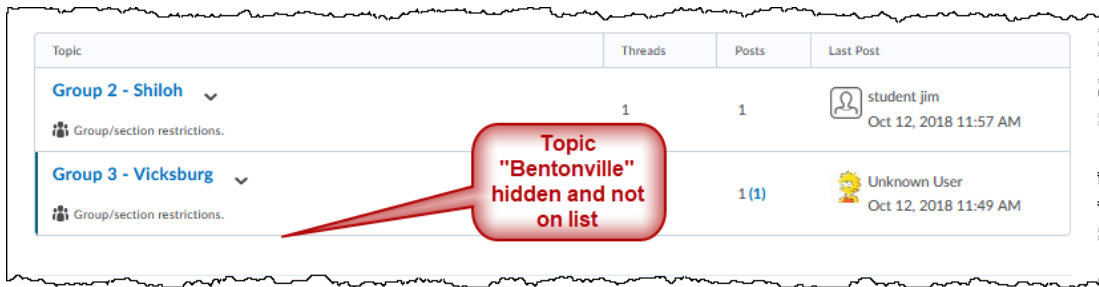
[Discussion Board Participation - R5](#)

Filter by: [All Threads](#)
 Sort by: [M...](#)

[Testing](#)

Hidden before/after end start - Not visible on discussion list

Example:



The screenshot shows a table with four columns: Topic, Threads, Posts, and Last Post. The first row is for 'Group 2 - Shiloh' with 1 thread and 1 post by 'student jim' on Oct 12, 2018. The second row is for 'Group 3 - Vicksburg' with 1 (1) post by 'Unknown User' on Oct 12, 2018. A red callout box points to the 'Group 3 - Vicksburg' row, indicating that a topic named 'Bentonville' is hidden and not on the list.

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