

# Apply Discussion Forum Restrictions

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## Forums

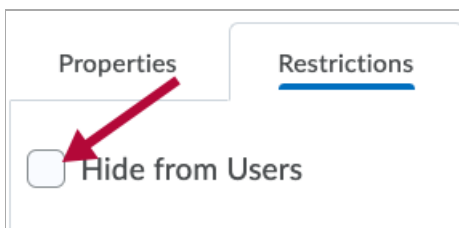
We recommend that you do not apply any of these restrictions at the forum level and instead limit your restrictions to discussion topics. Information on applying restrictions to Discussion Topics can be found on our [Edit Discussion Topic - Right Panel](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/edit-discussion-topic-right-panel#availability-dates-conditions) (https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/edit-discussion-topic-right-panel#availability-dates-conditions) article.

Contact the LSC-Online representative on your campus for more help with these settings. See [Meet Your LSC-Online Campus Representative](http://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/meet-your-designer) (http://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/meet-your-designer) for contact info.

## Restrictions Tab

### Visibility


Students will not be able to see the discussion forum if the "Hide from Users" checkbox is checked; if you want the forum to be visible, make sure it is not checked.





The availability of discussion forums can also be limited by date. The options below the **Start Date** and **End Date** allow you to control whether or not students can view, access, or post to the forum, both before and after the start and end date.

**Availability**


Has Start Date


Visible with access restricted before start 


Visible with submission restricted before start 

Hidden before start 

Has End Date

Visible with access restricted after end 

Visible with submission restricted after end 

Hidden after end 

Display In Calendar

**NOTE:** A Topic cannot be made available during any date where its forum is unavailable; the Forum dates will take precedence.

## Release Conditions

The discussion topics may be released to students based on criteria selected in Release Conditions.

**Release Conditions**

There are no conditions attached to this item.

## Group and Section Restrictions

Discussion forums may be released to students based on their membership in a group, so only group members will be able to post in a specific topic. You should not select this option unless you have [created groups](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/create-groups) for students and are assigning the forum so that members of each group post in a separate forum.

### Group and Section Restrictions

Restrict this topic to the following groups and sections 

Add Groups and Sections

There are no group or section restrictions attached to this item.