

# Apply Discussion Forum and Topic Restrictions

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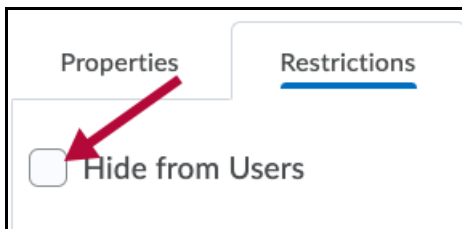
## Forums

We recommend that you do not apply any of these restrictions at the forum level and instead limit your restrictions to discussion topics. Contact the LSC-Online representative on your campus for help with these settings. (See [Meet Your LSC-Online Designer/Technologist](http://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/meet-your-designer) (<http://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/meet-your-designer>) for contact information.)

## Restrictions Tab

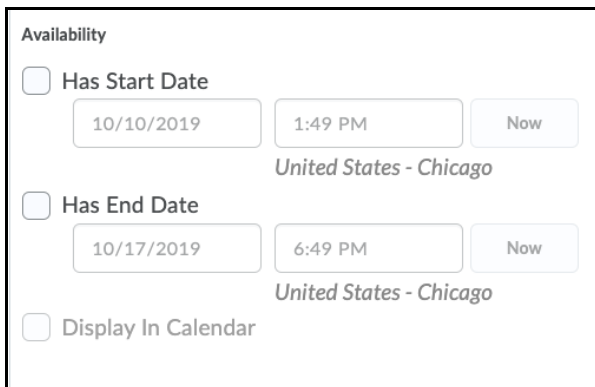
### Visibility

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



The image shows a screenshot of a web interface with two tabs: "Properties" and "Restrictions". The "Restrictions" tab is selected and underlined in blue. Below the tabs, there is a checkbox labeled "Hide from Users". A red arrow points to the checkbox, which is currently unchecked.

The availability of discussion forums and topics can also be limited by date (availability determines when the discussion topic will be visible to students).



The image shows a screenshot of the "Availability" section in a web interface. It contains three checkboxes and their corresponding settings:

- Has Start Date: 10/10/2019, 1:49 PM, Now. Location: United States - Chicago
- Has End Date: 10/17/2019, 6:49 PM, Now. Location: United States - Chicago
- Display In Calendar

### Locking Options

The discussion may be locked so that students cannot post or edit, even if the topic is available. Options include:

- Unlock topic
- Lock topic
- Unlock topic for a specific date range

**Locking Options**

Unlock topic

Lock topic

Unlock topic for a specific date range

Has Start Date

10/10/2019 1:49 PM Now

*United States - Chicago*

Has End Date

10/17/2019 6:49 PM Now

*United States - Chicago*


Display in Calendar

**NOTE:** A topic cannot have unlocked dates that fall outside any unlocked dates set for the forum; 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**


Attach Existing Create and Attach  Remove All Conditions

There are no conditions attached to this item.

**Group and Section Restrictions**

Discussion topics 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/a062) for students and are assigning the topic so that members of each group post in a separate topic.

**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.

