Piazza: Alternative Discussion Tool for Moodle

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Piazza is a third-party platform for online class discussion. It is similar to Moodle's **Forum activity**, but has additional features for managing discussions, enabling student questions, and providing meaningful answers. LITS manages an institutional license for Piazza that enables ad-free use.

> **Warning:** Unlike Moodle, which the College hosts and manages internally, Piazza is a **third-party platform** governed by **Piazza's terms of service ⧉ and privacy policy ⧉.** Be sure you read and understand how your and your students' content and data will be used and the risks of misuse before adopting this tool.

Add a Piazza to a Moodle course

> **Before you start**, you will need the following:
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> - an **Instructor of record** or **Other editing teacher** role in a Bryn Mawr Moodle course

1. Log into your course and switch **Edit Mode** on.
2. Click **+Add an activity or resource**.
3. Select **Piazza** from the menu.
4. Type in an **Activity name,** then click **Save and Display** at the bottom of the screen.
5. If prompted, **follow Piazza's instructions** for creating an account and confirming your email.
6. When you reach the **Piazza Setup** page, check that:
   - **School Information** lists Bryn Mawr College
   - **School Email(s)** include brynmawr.edu, haverford.edu, swarthmore.edu.
7. Leave the default settings under **Automatic Roster Sync** (**Enable** and **Start automatic roster sync now**) to ensure your Moodle participants list is synced to the Piazza site for your course.
8. Choose the appropriate next step:
   - **Create your class on Piazza:** Use to create a NEW Piazza site for this Moodle course.
   - **Already have a class on Piazza**: Use link the Moodle course to an existing Piazza class site you have already created.

> **Pro tip:** You can set up a course-level discussion site in Piazza for a multi-section course even if you don't have a merged Moodle course. Add a Piazza activity to the Moodle course for the first section and

choose **Create your class on Piazza** , then add Piazza activities to the Moodle pages for the other sections and use the **Already have a class on Piazza** option to choose the same Piazza site.

Learn how to use Piazza

See Piazza's Support page resources for video demos and instructor and student guides for using Piazza, including:

- Getting Started – Instructors
- Manage Class – Instructors
- Q & A – Instructors
- Q & A – Students

Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the **Help Desk**!

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