

# Ed Discussion – Guide for students

- Ed Discussion is an **online Q&A platform** to facilitate interaction between teaching assistants, you, and your classmates.
- It will be used as **additional support to the lectures and exercise sessions** and for **delivering the project**.
- Click on the corresponding link on the Moodle page of this course to access Ed Discussion:

**Q&A platform**



Ed Discussion forum - Geomechanics - CIVIL-402

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- **Ask questions.** Teaching assistants will answer within a few days giving hints, ideas, suggestions.
- Feel free to post **anonymously**.
- You can ask the question either to the “staff” or **to the whole class**. We suggest the second option to let everyone benefits from the questions and answers.
- **You can also answer your classmates' questions** (please be helpful and professional), an assistant will tell you if you have given the right answer or not



The screenshot displays the Ed Discussion homepage for the course CIVIL-402. The interface is divided into a sidebar and a main content area.

**Sidebar:**

- ed CIVIL-402 – Ed Discussion** (Header)
- Search** (Input field)
- New Thread** (Button, highlighted with a red box)
- COURSES** (Section header)
  - CIVIL-402** (Selected, highlighted with a red box)
  - Course Template
- Drafts** (1)
- Scheduled**
- CATEGORIES** (Section header)
  - General** (Selected, highlighted with a red box)
  - Lectures
  - Exercises
  - Project
  - Workshop

**Main Content Area:**

- Thread Title:** Welcome in the course Geomechanics! #1
- Author:** Qazim Llabjani (STAFF)
- Location:** Yesterday in General
- Actions:** PINNED, STAR, WATCHING, 4 VIEWS
- Message:**

Dear students,

We're using Ed Discussion for class Q&A.

This is the platform we will be using during the semester. You can ask questions related to the lectures, exercises or the project.

For more information on Ed Discussion, you can refer to the Quick Start Guide on [Moodle](#).

All the best for the semester!

The Geomechanics teaching team

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- Notification:** This thread is locked and cannot be modified. (Unlock button)

# Ed Discussion – Ask questions

- Select “new thread”, choose “ Question” and select the correct folder (ex. “exercise ” or “lecture ”)
- Select the right subfolder: (ex. “exercise 1”)
- Title: “Exercise 1 - ....topic of the question...”.
- All questions and answers are automatically stored in the corresponding folders.



# Ed Discussion – Ask questions

1. Question/Post

The screenshot displays the EPFL Ed Discussion interface for the course CIVIL-402. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains 'COURSES' (CIVIL-402, Course Template) and 'CATEGORIES' (General, Lectures, Exercises, Project, Workshop). The 'Exercises' category is selected.
- Main Area:** Shows 'No threads' with the prompt 'Be the first to create a thread!'.
- New Post Form:** Located on the right, it includes a 'New Thread' button, a search bar, and a 'New Post' section with options for 'Question', 'Post', and 'Announcement'. The 'Question' option is selected.
- Title:** A text input field with the placeholder 'Exercise/Lecture X – Topic of question'.
- Category:** A dropdown menu with options: General, Lectures, Exercises, Project, Workshop. The 'Exercises' category is selected.
- Subcategory:** A dropdown menu with options: Exercise 1, Exercise 2, Exercise 3, Exercise 4, Exercise 5, Exercise 6, Exercise 7, Exercise 8, Exercise 9. The 'Exercise 1' subcategory is selected.
- Text Input:** A large text area for writing the question.
- Options:** A series of checkboxes for post settings: Pinned (Keep at top of thread list), Private (Visible to you and staff only), Anonymous (Hide your name from students), Anonymous Comments (Allow anonymous comments), and Megathread (Resolvable comments).
- Post Button:** A blue button labeled 'Post' at the bottom right.

Red annotations highlight the following elements:

- 1. Question/Post:** Points to the 'New Thread' button.
- 2. Title:** Points to the title input field.
- 3. Select the right category:** Points to the 'Exercises' category in the category dropdown.
- 4. Select the right subcategory:** Points to the 'Exercise 1' subcategory in the subcategory dropdown.
- 5. Write your question:** Points to the text input area.

# Ed Discussion – Project submission

- Select “new thread”, choose “ Post” and select the “Project” category
- Select the right subcategory: “Submission”
- Title: “Group x – Project”
- Attach a **PDF** file of your report
  - *note:* You may add your working files (excel/matlab), but only the report (pdf) will be considered. Make sure you put everything in there
- Click on “Private” to make it visible only to the teaching team

# Ed Discussion – Project submission

1. Post

2. Title

3. Category: “Project”

4. Subcategory: “Submission”

5. Attach your report in pdf format

6. Write your text if any

7. Select “**Private**” to make it visible only by the teaching staff

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