



Faculty: "Discussion" Locking

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Moodle 3.2 introduces a discussion locking option for forums—but don't get too excited yet.... this does **not** mean that we can set due dates for posting to a forum. :-)

The image shows two screenshots from Moodle. The top screenshot is a settings panel for a forum. It has a yellow header 'Discussion locking'. Under 'Lock discussions after period of inactivity', there is a dropdown menu currently set to '1 day'. The dropdown is open, showing options: 'Do not lock discussions', '1 day' (highlighted), '1 week', '2 weeks', '1 month', '2 months', '3 months', '6 months', and '1 year'. Below this are sections for 'Post threshold for blocking' and 'VeriCite'. The bottom screenshot shows a forum thread titled '« Test Forum'. A yellow banner at the top of the thread reads 'This discussion has been locked so you can no longer reply to it.' The thread contains a post by 'Student1 One' with the title 'My test post', dated '14 days ago', and the text 'Posting this as a test of locked forums.' Below the post, it says '0 replies'. There is a small cartoon avatar of a student wearing a blue cap with a yellow tassel.

If you enable the locking function, individual discussion **threads** will close down after a set period of inactivity—the forum as a whole will remain open to continued participation, but any **thread** that hasn't had a response made to it after that time will be shut off from new posts. The image at right shows what students would see once a discussion thread closes.

We don't recommend enabling this function unless you have a compelling need.