



## 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 displays the 'Discussion locking' settings. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Do not lock discussions', '1 day' (selected), '1 week', '2 weeks', '1 month', '2 months', '3 months', '6 months', and '1 year'. Below the settings, there 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 content includes a post by 'Student1 One' titled 'My test post' from '14 days ago', with the text 'Posting this as a test of locked forums.' and '0 replies'. A cartoon avatar of a student wearing a blue cap with a yellow tassel is shown next to the post.

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.