

# Discussion Forum Guidelines

## DelftX TOPOCMx [Topology in Condensed Matter: Tying Quantum Knots](#)

The discussion forum is the primary way for you to communicate with other students and the course staff. We hope that the forum serves as a useful resource, and that the students of DelftX TOPOCMx develop a sense of community.

### **Search before asking**

Before asking a question, check to see if someone else has already done so. The search function can be found by clicking on the magnifying glass icon at the top of the Discussions list. The forum works best when people collaborate in discussions!

### **Be specific**

Write a concise yet descriptive title for your post, and provide enough information for others to understand the question or problem. What exercise or video are you talking about? Which part? What do you not understand, or what have you tried already?

### **Write clearly**

Correct spelling and grammar will help others to understand you and provide useful responses. Avoid using ALL CAPS, abbrev of wrds (abbreviation of words), and excessive punctuation!!!!!!!!!!

### **Upvote good posts**

Click on the green “plus” button so that good posts and/or responses can be found more easily. Also, you can search by votes to find the most interesting posts.

### **Notify staff of bugs/errata**

Including [STAFF] at the beginning of your post’s title will help notify the course staff of your question or problem. Please use this to report issues in the courseware!

### **Use the forums to help you learn**

Most material in the course includes a “Show Discussion” link below it. Clicking on this link will show all discussions on the forum associated with that particular exercise or video.

### **Be polite**

You are participating in a global classroom, with students from around the world and often with very different backgrounds. Let’s build a positive community!

### **Observe the Honor Code**

We encourage collaboration and learning communities, but please avoid asking for and/or posting answers to assignments. Those caught cheating may have their accounts disabled and their progress erased.

Good luck using the forums!

*The TOPOCMx Team*