

Discussion Questions for Week 1

A "threaded discussion" is a discussion forum that allows students to respond to questions posted by the professor (original responses), which can then be read by other users who add their own comments in response (secondary postings). Unlike chat rooms and other "real-time" interaction forums, threaded discussions do not require different users to be logged on at the same time.

Discussion questions are assigned each week. **Original responses to these questions must be posted by Thursday at 11:59PM.** Original responses must be at least **250 words** and must incorporate concepts from the lectures and assigned readings.

Secondary Responses/Postings: Each student must post **two or more** secondary responses to other students' postings **for each discussion question.** Secondary responses are due by **11:59PM on the Monday following the week in which the questions were assigned.** They must be a minimum of **150 words** and, like original responses, should incorporate concepts from the lectures and assigned readings. Students are encouraged to embark on interactive discussions that go beyond the minimum number of secondary postings.

Although the discussion board is expected to be student-driven, professors will be participating in the discussions as well.

DQ 1.1: Take a look at the Seton Hall Sexual Harassment Policy. It is not atypical, although, as with all universities, it includes not only harassment of employees but also harassment of students. Suppose the same facts as in CFS arose at Seton Hall. Would any of Howard's complaints have satisfied the policy? Which ones? And, looking at the Seton Hall policy, to whom should he have complained? What should the recipient of such a complaint have done?

DQ 1.2: We'll discuss the mechanics of investigation in subsequent weeks, but it should be apparent that a complaint about harassment by employees of a customer (as in CFS) or vendor or other outsider raises different issues than a complaint about harassment from supervisors or co-workers. If you had been in charge of investigating Howard's complaints, how would you have proceeded?