Options for Course Copy of Discussion

Blackboard Learn no longer copies all of the discussion posts from one course to another when you do a course copy.

Now, by default, only the first or “starter” post in each thread is copied over. In addition, Blackboard now allows instructors the option to omit all discussion threads and posts from a course copy, thereby copying over only the empty discussion forums.

To choose whether to copy forums with the starter post for each thread OR to only copy the empty forums do the following:

1. In the Control Panel, under Packages and Utilities, click Course Copy.

2. Conduct the course copy the way you normally would, remembering to always do the following:
   a. Under the Select Copy Type drop-down menu, click Copy Course Materials into an Existing Course.
   b. Use the Browse button to select the Destination Course ID.
   c. Click Select All to choose the course content for the copy.

3. After clicking Select All, scroll to the Discussions part of the Copy Options.

4. Choose whether to copy the first, or “starter” posts for each forum, or to copy empty forums to the destination course shell:
   a. Leave the default option button, Include starter posts for each thread in each forum (anonymized), to copy over the first post in each thread.
      • The author of the threads will be set to anonymous.
   b. Click the option button for Include only the forums, with no starter posts, to copy empty forums to the destination course shell.

5. Under File Attachments, remember to always select the third option: Copy links and copies of the content (include entire course home folder).

6. Click Submit.

7. Be sure to check the copy log in the destination course for errors.