

# DISCUSSION FORUM GUIDELINES

The Discussion Forums will give you an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of both the course staff and your fellow students. We highly encourage you to participate in the Discussion Forums, and we ask you to adhere to the following guidelines when making your posts.

## **Goals of the 3.15x Discussion Forums**

We would like you to use the Discussion Forums to share the resources and approaches that you have found helpful for understanding the material presented in *3.15x: Electrical, Optical, and Magnetic Materials and Devices*. We also encourage you to make use of the Discussion Forums if you find that you need help approaching a homework problem.

Though we highly encourage you to assist your fellow students with their questions, we ask that you refrain from posting solutions to graded problems on the Discussion Forums. Guidance and clarification are appropriate; solutions and answers are not.

## **General Forum Guidelines**

- Post in the correct section. The forum has sections devoted to various course weeks and assignments, as well as a dedicated area where you can post any Technical Issues that you may be having.
- Upvote posts. Posts with the most upvotes are likely to get the most attention from the staff and from your fellow students.
- Please be polite to your fellow students. We want to build a positive, encouraging community.
- Search before posting to ensure that your question hasn't already been answered.
- Know when to use the Report Misuse Flag. We hope that nobody ever has to use the Report Misuse Flag during their time in 3.15x. However, if you believe that a post is harassing, wholly inappropriate, or consists simply of spam, you should flag the post using the Report Misuse Flag. The 3.15x staff will not tolerate harassment of any nature, including, but not limited to, harassment based on race, origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, sex, gender identity or sexual orientation. However, the Report Misuse Flag should not be used simply because you judge a post to be unimportant, incorrect, or poorly thought out.