Check it out: Discussion Checkpoints are here!
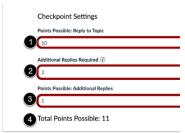

Over the weekend, Canvas finally released a feature in discussion boards that users have been asking for: Checkpoints!

When creating a graded discussion, instructors can set multiple due dates or checkpoints to accommodate different stages of the discussion process, such as the initial post and follow-up replies. This feature allows for more structured participation, ensuring students meet deadlines for each required step in the discussion.

To create Discussion Checkpoints, instructors must select the **Graded** checkbox [1] and then the **Assign graded checkpoints** checkbox [2] when creating or editing a discussion.

Instructors must include the possible points for the initial reply to topic [1], the number of additional replies required [2] and the possible points for additional replies [3]. All points are calculated automatically and listed as the Total Points Possible [4].

When a discussion is added to a module, students can view all due dates and the number of replies required for a discussion. As a student on the Discussion page, click the View Due Dates link to view all due dates.

In the Gradebook, discussion checkpoints display as a single item. Instructors can update a student's grades and assignment status using the Grade Detail tray.

If you want to read more about the new feature, check out this [Tutorial from another Canvas school](). Reach out to your Instructional Designer if you have questions.