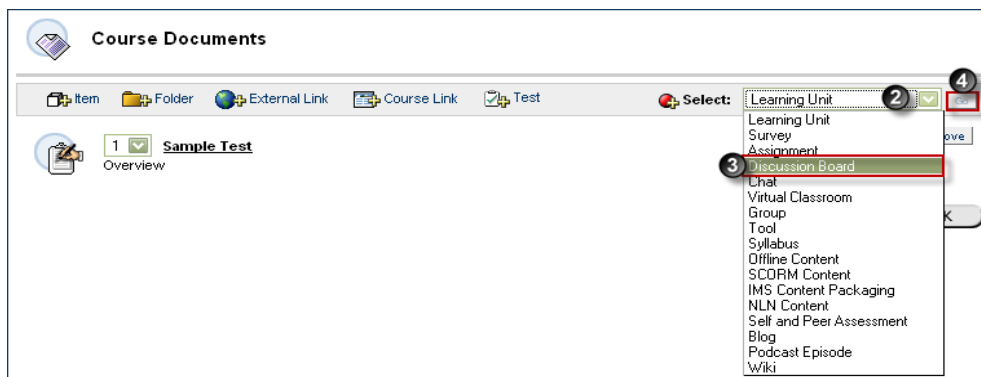


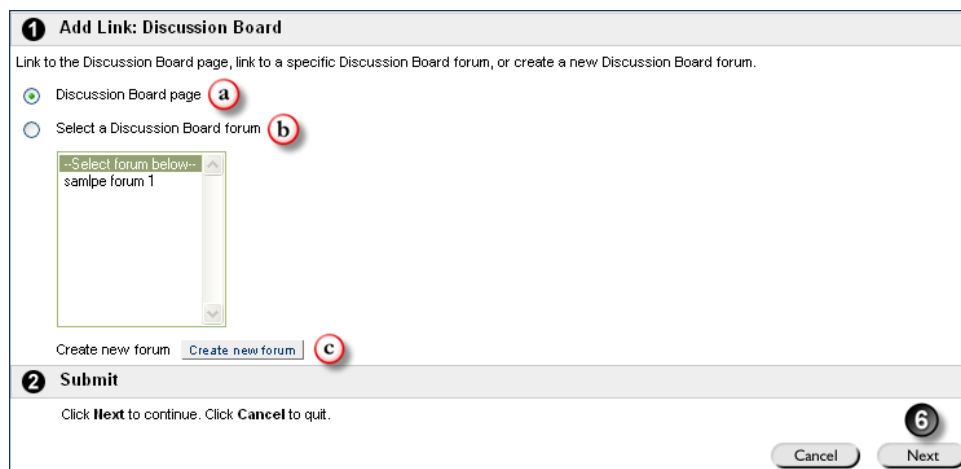
# Linking to Discussions from Content Areas

Blackboard allows the creation of discussion boards within other content areas, like Course Documents.

To create a link to the Discussion Board or to a particular Forum in a Content Area:



1. Navigate to the course Control Panel for your course, then choose the content area where the forum will appear. For this example, we will use the Course Documents content area.
2. Click on the dropdown arrow to the right of the **Select** field.
3. Click on **Discussion Board** entry.
4. Then click on the **[Go]** button. The **Add Link: Discussion Board** screen will be displayed.



5. The **Add Link...** page gives you three options for adding a link for your discussion board.
  - a. You can link to the Discussion Board page (which displays all the discussion boards in your course).
  - b. Select a specific discussion forum you have already created for your course.
  - c. Or create a new forum by clicking the **[Create New Forum]** button.

6. Select the option that is appropriate for the lesson that you are creating. (For this example we will select an existing discussion forum.) Then click on the **[Next]** button. The second **Add Link...** page will be displayed.

**Add Link: Discussion Board**

**1 Link Information**

**Link Name**  **7**

**Color of Name**  Black

**Link** Discussion Board: sample forum 1

**Text**

Normal 3 Times New Roman B I U  $\times_2 \times^2$  **7**

Path: [body](#)

**2 Options**

**Available**  Yes  No

**Track number of views**  Yes  No **7**

**Date restrictions**

Display after  Display until

Nov 21 2008 08 55 AM Nov 21 2008 08 55 AM

**3 Submit**

Click **Submit** to finish. Click **Cancel** to quit.

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7. The **Add Link...** page allows you add title to the forum, provide a description that will help guide the users (this information will appear under the link in the Content section), and options for making the item available, tracking content, and choosing date restrictions if so desired.
8. Click on the **[Submit]** button located in the lower right-hand side of the browser window to save your changes.