

EdStem

About

- [Edstem.org](https://edstem.org) is a discussion board platform some Schools in the College of Science and Engineering are piloting – including Informatics.
- Edstem is being seen as a potential replacement for Piazza with a much more up-to-date interface – and is feature-comparable with Piazza.
- EdStem has been Learn-LTI enabled for the School – there is an EdStem MS Team space set up for interested parties – contact the [ILTS team](#) for info.
- The following Informatics courses are participating in the EdStem pilot for 2024/25:
 - Advanced Robotics
 - Algorithmic Game Theory and its Applications
 - Computing in the Classroom
 - Natural Language Understanding, Generation, and Machine Translation
 - Programming for Biomedical Informatics.
- Please note that our EdStem instance is in the EU zone (DP / InfoSec reasons) – so course URLs will be <https://edstem.org/eu/...> – you may at times see a drop-down for region – select ‘Europe’.

Setting Up

This is only for those courses above. No other courses in Informatics should be using this for 24/25 – continue to use Piazza.

Step 1

Go to + Content Market and hit + EdStem Discussion to add a permanent link to your course. Link is hidden from students by

default.

Content Calendar Announcements Discussions Gradebook Messages Analytics Groups

- Read Me First - IMPORTANT INFORMATION for staff about Learn template
Hidden from students
- Click Here for Teaching Materials
Visible to students
For all course teaching materials, please follow this link to the course webpage. For all course admin and submission links, please see the items below.
- Week 0 to-do list
Visible to students
Please take a few minutes to work through this short list of activities to ensure you are able to access all the key technologies used on this course and to familiarise yourself with key dates.
- Course Contacts
Visible to students
Names, roles, and contact details for everyone involved in teaching the course.
- +**
- Lecture Recordings
Visible to students
Access to lecture recordings for this course (Opens in a new window).

Natural Language Understanding, Generation, and Machine Translation (2024-2025)[SEM2]

Content Market

Institution Tools

 Accessibility Report Accessibility Report LTI 1.3	 CodeGrade Assignment	 EdStem Discussion Next Generation Course Discussion ...	 Gradescope
 Media Hopper Create Gallery (Ultra)	 Media Hopper Create Embed (Ultra)	 Media Hopper Replay (Ultra)	 Noteable LTI 1.3

Step 2

Click on the + link. This will open up a modal above the content (not in a new tab) and after a sec will CREATE the EdStem discussion for this course – using Course Name and Id

- This will do an initial sync of Learn users to the EdStem roster
- Email addresses are of the form of <uun>@ed.ac.uk for both staff and students.
- Staff or students will not have a password to begin with – you can add this via your profile icon (top right). Also add 2FA
- At start of Semester 1 there is no SSO with EASE – students should be encouraged to come in via Learn – but also see *Setting up a Password (optional)* below.

Step3

- Continue Setup then SKIP the Announcement. We recommend skipping the Announcement – as that will post an email to all participants (there's no way to post without emailing – you do get a warning Post/cancel about this).
- You probably don't want to email students at the point of creation – you can add a Welcome announcement later.

Step 4: Using EdStem

- You now have an empty course – you will need to make it visible to students in Learn when ready.
- It is recommend you read <https://edstem.org/help/> now – it is important that you and your TAs seed discussion. We recommend doing a show-and-tell with your TAs. You can be added to some test courses to try things out – contact the [ILTS team](#) if this is of interest.
- If you want to add a welcome – you can add the [Welcome Announcement](#) you skipped over
- The welcome recommends the [Quick Start Guide](#) which is good

- Also point your students to the Students tab of <https://edstem.org/help/> – which has [Using Ed Discussion](#), [Latex](#) – and [push notifications](#).

Setting up a password (optional)

There are advantages in setting up a password – it allows you to login by clicking on edstem links in emails, for example. Choose a good, secure password.