

# Piazza Student Guide

Piazza is an online discussion board, where anyone can ask and answer questions.

## How do I access Piazza?

- To access Piazza [login to Blackboard](#), and open the relevant course unit. Piazza Discussion boards may appear as a menu link (on the left-hand side of your Blackboard space) or an icon similar to below.



**Playground 1 - Piazza Discussion Board**

- Click on the Piazza link to launch Piazza.
- If you are new to Piazza, you may be prompted to set up an account. (See below Creating a Piazza Account).
- Piazza will open on the **Q&A (Question and Answer screen)** for your class.

## Creating a Piazza Account

- Piazza will show you a series of on-screen instructions to help you set up your account.
- Typically, you will locate your class and select to **join as a student**.

The University of Manchester

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Are you a professor?  
Click here to create & join classes

Welcome to Piazza!

Piazza is an intuitive platform for instructors to efficiently manage class Q&A. Students can post questions and collaborate to edit responses to these questions. Instructors can also answer questions, endorse student answers, and edit or delete any posted content.

Piazza is designed to simulate real class discussion. It aims to get high quality answers to difficult questions, fast!

The name Piazza comes from the Italian word for plaza—a common city square where people can come together to share knowledge and ideas. We strive to recreate that communal atmosphere among students and instructors.

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Class 1: | 3075-SANDPIT-7259318-1: PLAYGROUND-mewx8rg3 RebeccaRiley\_Playground (edit)  
Instructors: Rebecca Riley · 5 Enrolled  
Join as:  Student *Instructor self-enrollment has been disabled for this class.*

Class 2:  ×

Class 3:  ×

Class 4:  ×

- Enter your University of Manchester email address, so that Piazza can send you a verification code. (If you don't receive the email in your inbox check your junk mail / spam folder)

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 ✓ **Joining as Student**

**Please enter your school email address**

Please enter the **manchester.ac.uk** or **mbs.ac.uk** email address to which you would like to add your classes.

**Email:**

**Confirm Email:**

[Submit Email](#)

- Once you have verified your email address Piazza may ask for some further details: Typically, you will need to select a *Graduate Program* (eg. Undergraduate), *Major* (your main subject area) and an *Anticipated Completion* (the month and year that you are due to Graduate).

**piazza**

Please verify your Piazza Account information:

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Academic Information (required)

What degree are you currently pursuing?

Graduate Program	Major	Anticipated Completion	Contact us at <a href="mailto:team@piazza.com">team@piazza.com</a> with any questions.
<input type="text" value="Undergraduate"/>	<input type="text" value="Mechanical Engineering"/>	<input type="text" value="September"/>	

[Add Another Major](#) | [Add Minor](#)

I'm studying in grades K-12, or I'm not pursuing a degree

This information will be used for collaborative features on Piazza. We will never share your information without your permission.

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## How does Piazza work?

You can view and create posts on the **Q&A** section in Piazza.

The Q&A screen includes **Class at a Glance**, so you can quickly see any unread posts or unanswered questions/follow ups. A list of folders (used organising the space) will be shown across the top of the screen and a list of posts (in chronological order) will be shown on the left-hand side of the screen. To view posts in a particular folder, click the folder, to display all posts within that folder.

## Piazza has three different types of post.

- **Question** - this type of post is used when an answer is needed. Each question has a **single students' answer** and a **single instructors' answer**. The single answer box acts like a wiki thread. If another student has already answered a question, click **Edit** to add your contribution to the answer.
- **Note** - this type of post may be used to share information (if an answer is not needed). Anyone can respond to a note, by creating a **follow up discussion** below the note. Follow up discussions allow you to comment, ask for clarification if needed and for staff to resolve any queries.
- **Poll** - polls may be used by staff in Piazza, to allow you to vote.

## How to student guides

Click on the links below to view short guides. To view a full range of student support guides, go to the [Piazza website](#).

- Basic guides - [post a question](#), [edit a post](#), [post a note](#), [attach a file to a post](#), [share a link to an existing post](#)
- Optional guides - [insert LaTeX](#), [insert a code block](#), [change email notifications](#).

## Tips for using Piazza

- Before you create a new question, use the search box (enter key words to look for similar questions and posts).
- Use a short informative title for your post.
- Explain clearly what you need help with. For example, show your calculations so others can see your process.
- Be nice! Treat others with respect.