

Blackboard Learn

Pointers – Closing Discussions

Three Rivers Community College

1. Make the discussion Unavailable. This will apply to all students.

a. Turn off the availability in in the forum settings (Action Links dropdown>>Edit>>2. Forum Availability>>Available = No).

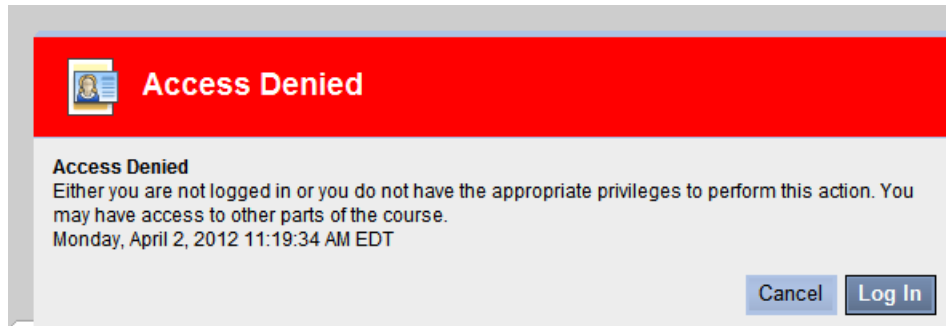
The screenshot shows a Blackboard Learn forum entry titled "Ch 12 - scenario question 5". A context menu is open over the entry, with the "Edit" option selected. To the right, the "2. Forum Availability" settings panel is visible, showing the "Available" option set to "No". Below this, a "4. Submit" dialog box is shown with "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons.

b. Because of your instructor role, you still will see the discussion both with Edit On or Off.

c. The student will see the following.

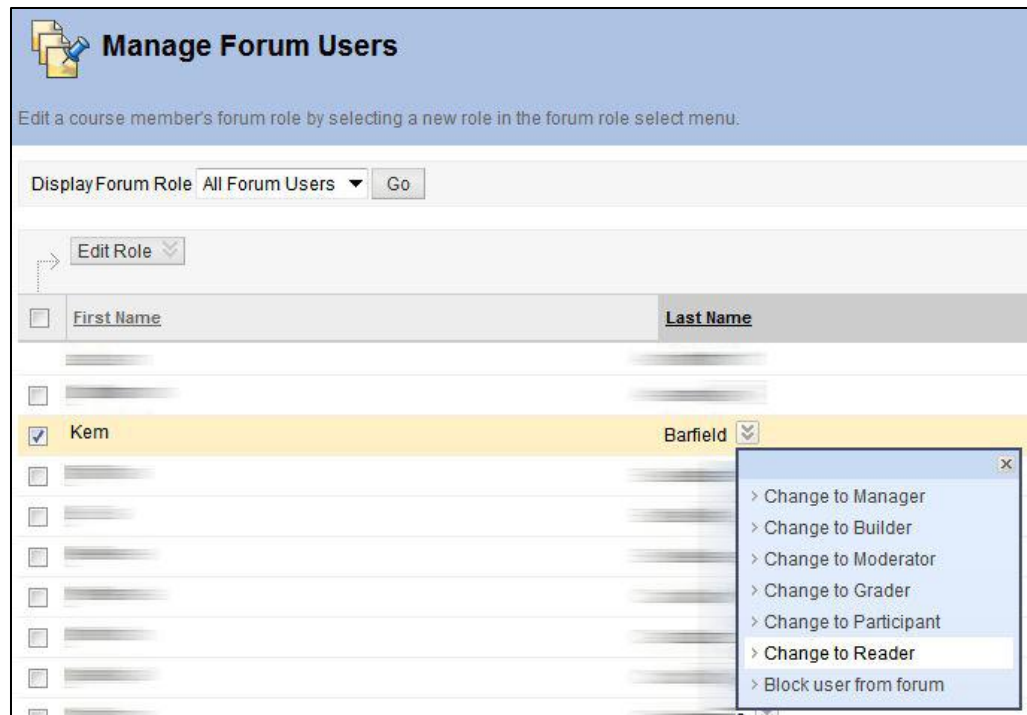
The screenshot shows the forum entry "Ch 12 - scenario question 5" with the text "This forum is currently unavailable." displayed below the title. The question text is partially visible: "5. You are a family therapist counseling a group of parents. You health. The parents present you with a variety of concerns about A. The parent asks you to identify the single most consistent p bond? B. How might family structure and atmosphere influence the p".

- d. When the discussion is clicked the student gets an Access Denied message.

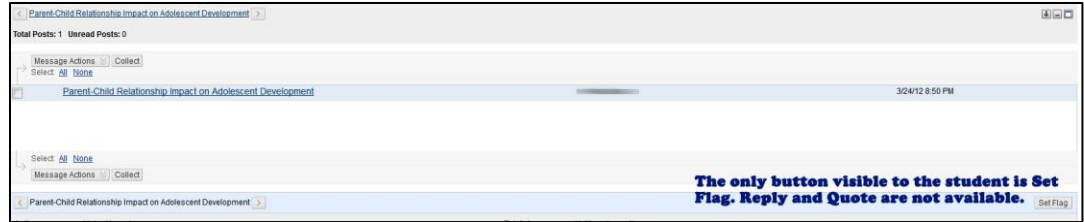


2. Manage Forum Users

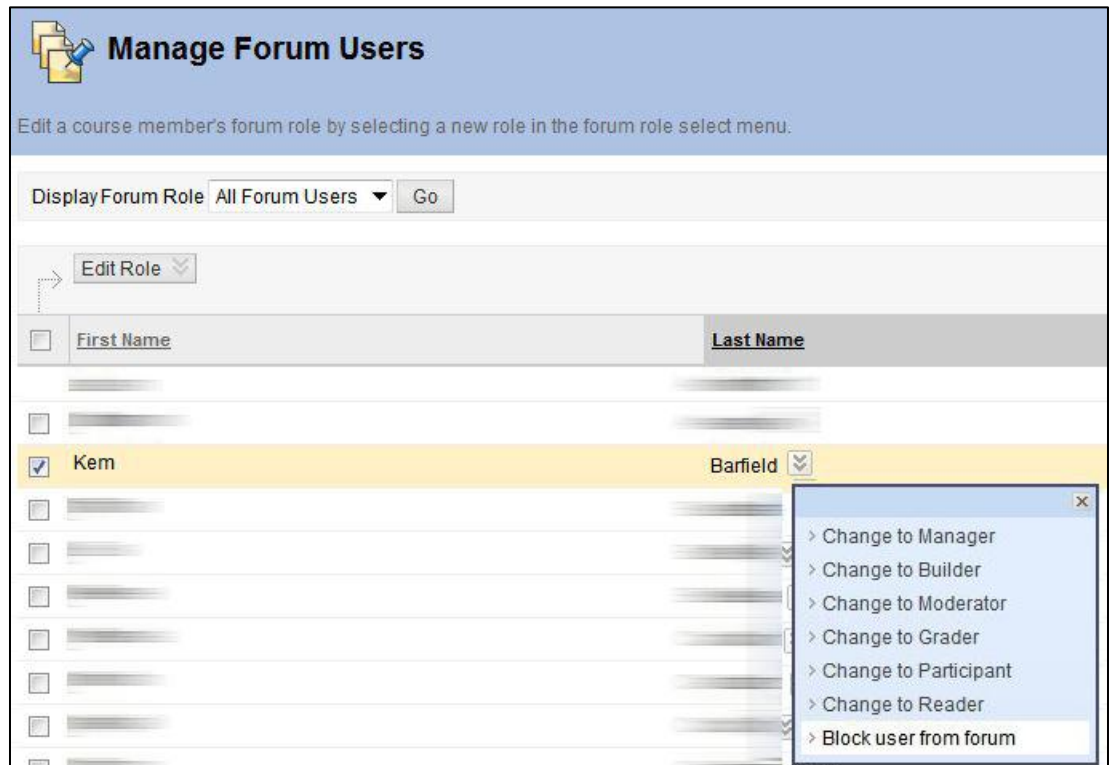
- a. *Change the individual to a Reader.* This allows the person to continue to access but not to add or change the discussion.



In the student account, the student is not barred from access and can view all discussion forum items. The student cannot reply or otherwise post anything to this discussion.



- b. **Block the user from the forum.** This prevents the individual from opening the discussion similar to making it unavailable above.



The student will neither see nor be able to access the forum. Note that scenario 5 is missing in the student account below.

