Las Positas & Discord

Discord as a social online learning tool

OVERVIEW

Everything you need to know about our project and Discord

Our Vision: The LPC CS Discord Server

      This is a place for all the Computer Science students to communicate with each other, ask questions, or get help on your projects from other students. We know that socializing with people has been cut to the minimum due to the pandemic, so we want to make things a little easier for everybody during this school year.

LINK: https://discord.gg/yrzvdsx (Grants provisional access to the server for whoever clicks this link. Must have a discord account)

What is Discord?

Discord as a server hosting platform

- Was originally made to give gamers a place to build communities and talk

- Branched out in 2015 and now includes different communities from all over the world

- All the basic features are free for everyone

- The company is against advertising and selling of user data

- Makes money from selling merchandise and providing more and better features for those who pay for them

- Have no intentions to make users pay for the application in the future

Discord as a tool for students

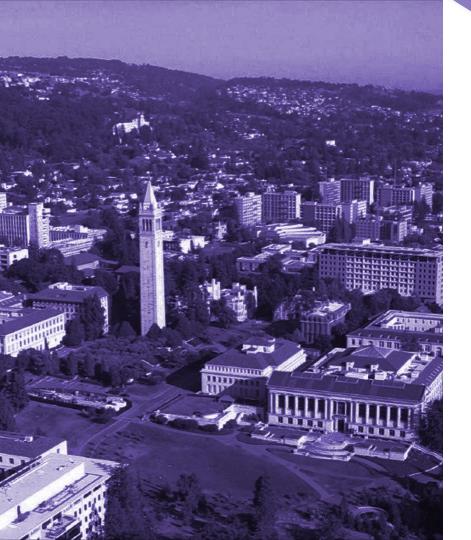# How Discord can be a supplement to Canvas

Channels

While Canvas restricts students to text chats, Discord allows students to join voice channels with each other, making it easier to make friends and get help from peers

Casual tutoring

Discussion boards used mainly by students needing professor's assistance, while Discord used by students wanting peer/student assistance

Relaxed Environment

Discussion boards used solely for work and assistance, while Discord doubles as peer assistance and CS student commonplace during quarantine

Other Schools utilizing Discord

- Tech savvy professors at UCs and CSUs often advocate for discord servers

  Ex: UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley

- Teachers often make servers and invite their students to join them for quicker and easier access to assistance

How we intend to keep our server safe

SERVER RULES

1. Absolutely NO posting or sharing source code of any kind.

   This will be seen as a form of plagiarism which Las Positas College has a 0 tolerance policy for. You can review the LPC Academic Honesty statement here: http://www.laspositascollege.edu/academicintegrity/index.php

2. No inappropriate language.

   Keep your use of profanities to an absolute minimum. All derogatory language is prohibited. Be professional.

3. Do not shame someone for asking questions.

   You wouldn't like it if someone made fun of you for asking a question would you?

4. No obscene or offensive profile picture or names

   Please keep your nickname and profile pic PG on this server

How we intend to keep our server safe (cont.)

SERVER RULES

5. No posting Not Safe For Work (NSFW) material on this server

 The reason for this should be obvious shouldn't it? Please refer to
https://www.techopedia.com/definition/27847/not-safe-for-work-nsfw

6. Absolutely NO posting questions or answers to a quiz or exam

 Refer to rule #1. This is cheating and a very serious offense. This includes discussion of tests after the test date has passed as well.

please note: Whenever you delete or edit a message it will be logged in a channel which moderators can see. Do not break any rules thinking it won't be seen if you delete it because it will!

Breaking any of these rules may result in a permanent or temporary ban. If you are caught involved in cheating you will be reported to the school

How we intend to keep our server safe (cont.)

MODERATION

- Currently being moderated by fellow LPC students and auto-mod bots that filter out and inform Administrators of any and all NSFW content
- Constantly working to make a more self sustained and safe server for all members
- Since members will not be allowed to partake in the server without email and phone number verification, admins and moderators know exactly who breaks what rules
- All members must read through and agree to all server rules before being allowed to post content or partake in text/voice channels
- All rules have appropriate repercussions upon being broken
- ALL moderation is logged through a bot which allows us to keep track of ALL actions made by ALL members, as well as provide information about a case if someone would like to make an appeal

How we intend to keep our server safe (cont.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All messages edited or deleted by students will be logged in a channel which only moderators can see. This prevents students from breaking any of the rules and getting away with it.
- All students must have an account linked to their email address and phone number for identification
- Breaking any of these rules may result in a temporary or permanent ban
- Any students caught or involved in cheating will be reported directly to the school

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

–Benjamin Franklin

Thank You!

Links and Sources

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