



# How to use Piazza in your Quercus Course (Students)

Piazza Q&A is an online discussion tool that instructors may use to facilitate learning in their Quercus courses. Piazza Q & A allows you to post questions and collaborate to edit responses to these questions. Instructors can also answer questions, endorse your answers, and edit or delete any posted content.

This article provides instructions on accessing Piazza in your Quercus course, creating a Piazza account, and modifying your account settings.



Piazza consists of two products - [Piazza Q&A](#) and [Piazza Network](#). Only the Piazza Q&A tool is supported by the University of Toronto. Piazza Network is packaged together with Piazza Q&A, and allows students and potential employers to connect outside of your course. The option to join the Piazza Network is presented to you when you create a Piazza account.

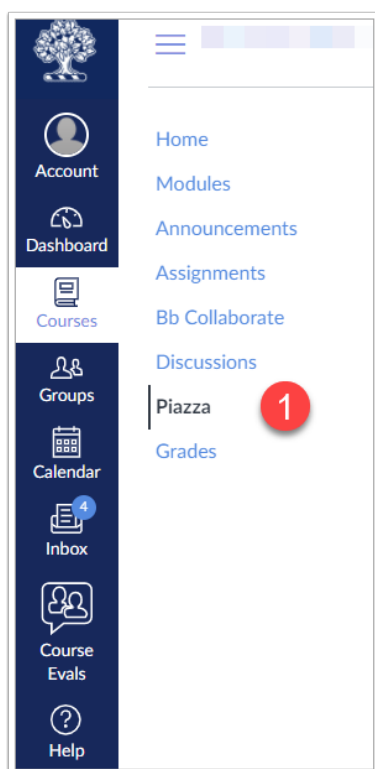
**Piazza Network is NOT required to complete your account set up or to participate in the Piazza Q&A for your course.**

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## 1. Find Piazza in you Quercus course

If an instructor has enabled the *Piazza Q&A* online discussion board in your Quercus course, **Piazza** will appear as an item in your course navigation menu. To open Piazza:

1. Click on **Piazza** in the course navigation menu



## 2. Create your Piazza account

### 2.1. Confirm enrollment and create account

Clicking on the Piazza item in the course navigation will bring you to the Piazza account creation and class enrollment page. If you don't already have an account with Piazza, the **Create Piazza Account** area will invite you to:

1. Enter your name (to facilitate grading, it's recommended that you leave your name as it appears in Quercus).
2. Choose and confirm a Piazza password.
3. Review and agree to the Piazza **Terms of Use**.
4. Click **Continue**.



The screenshot shows the Piazza Setup page. It has a blue header with the 'piazza' logo. Below the header is a 'Piazza Setup' section. The first part is 'Confirm Enrollment' with pre-filled information: School: University of Toronto, LMS Course Name: Anna Limanni's Sandbox, LMS Course Number: ANNA LIMANNI'S SANDBOX, Piazza Class Term: Fall 2020, Piazza Class Name: limannia-sandbox, and Piazza Class Number: ANNA LIMANNI'S SANDBOX. The second part is 'Create Piazza Account' with input fields for 'Your Email' (test.student@mail.utoronto.ca), 'Your Name' (Test Student), and 'Your Role' (Student). Below these are password fields for 'Choose a Piazza password' and 'Confirm password', both masked with dots. A checkbox for 'I have read and I agree to Piazza's Terms of Use' is checked. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom. Red numbered callouts 1 through 4 highlight the Name, Password, Terms of Use checkbox, and Continue button respectively.

## 2.2. Academic Information

Next, you'll be prompted to input your Academic Information (program of study, major, and graduation date).



You are **not required** to provide this information in order to participate in the Piazza Q & A in your course. It's recommended that you carefully consider any information you share.

If you do not wish to share information with Piazza, you can simply:

1. Select **I'm studying in grades K-12, or I'm not pursuing a degree.**
2. Click **Continue.**



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Please verify your Piazza Account information:

Academic Information (required)

What degree are you currently pursuing?

Graduate Program

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

Anticipated Completion

☒ 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.

[Continue](#)

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## 2.3. Piazza Network

You may then be given the option to join the Piazza Network.



You are **not required** to join the Piazza Network. Your choice to not join the Piazza Network will **not** impact your ability to join your Piazza course or participate in the Piazza Q&A discussion board.

If you do not wish to join the Piazza Network:

1. Select **Don't join the network.**



In the network	Outside the network	
✓	✓	Access class Q&A discussions
✓	✗	See what classes other students are taking
✓	✗	See where your classmates have worked
✓	✗	See examples of strong resumes in your community
✓	✗	Get referred to companies by your classmates
✓	✓	Know when companies are coming to campus
✓	✗	Get contacted by companies for employment opportunities

[Join the network](#) [Don't join the network](#) 1

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To verify or change your account settings at any time:

1. Select **Account and email settings** by clicking on the gear icon on the top, right side of the page.
2. Check that your **Piazza Network Preferences** are correct.
3. Click **Save** to apply any changes.

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Account/Email Settings

Turn off Tooltips

Support

Report Bug

Piazza Homepage

Join Another Class

Log Out

Piazza Network Preferences

Piazza Network: ☐ In the Network ☒ Not in the Network

Event Digests: ☐ On ☒ Off

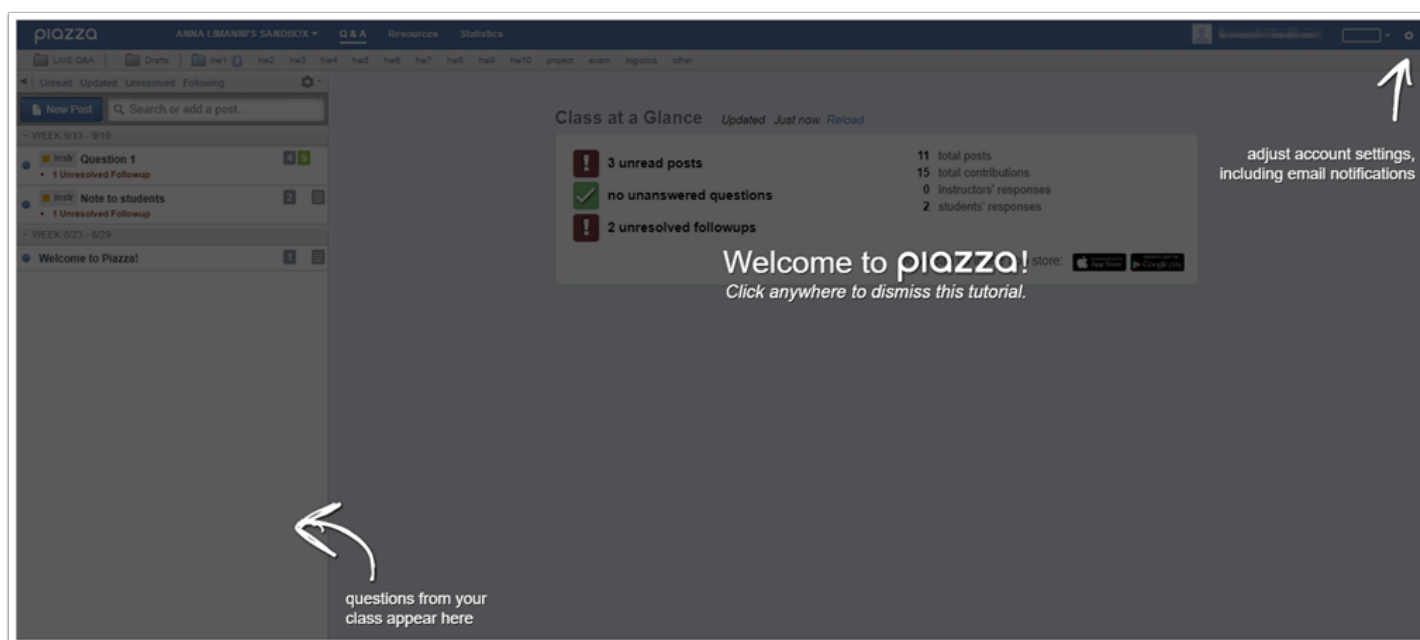
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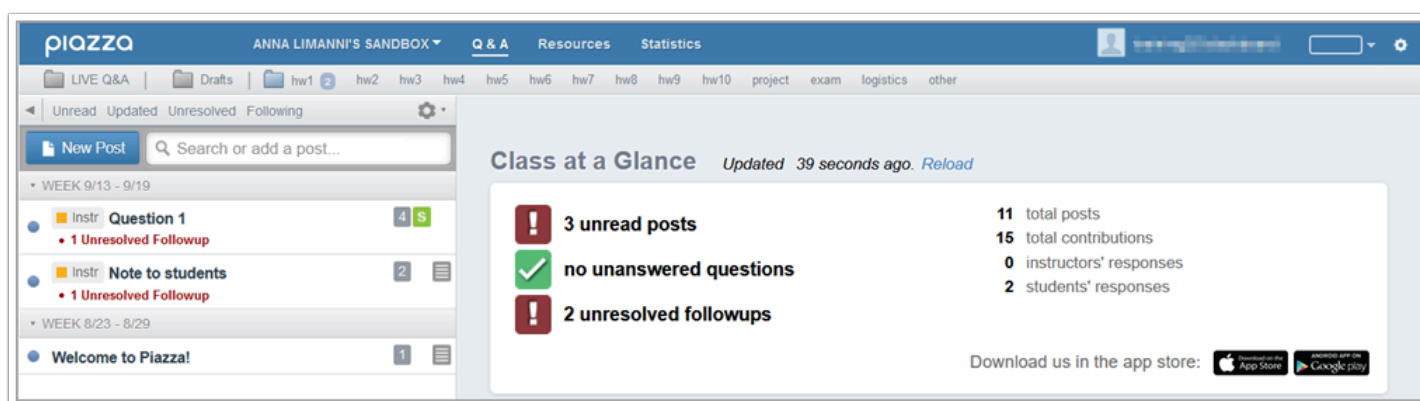
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## 3. Participate in Piazza Q & A

Once your course is set up, you will see the following welcome screen.



Click anywhere to dismiss the tutorial and go to your Piazza course within Quercus.



After your first login to Piazza via Quercus, you will be able to access your Piazza course with single sign on directly through Quercus.

For information on using Piazza in your course, visit [Piazza Support](#).