

ME 270 – Course Blog

The blog discussion threads for this course are intended to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among the students in the class, and between the students and the TAs/instructors. From this blog, you can get/provide assistance from/to other people in the class. We have found that you can often learn as much from helping others as from getting help for yourself.

REWARD: To reward your involvement in the blog, *two HW Scores will be added to your HW Average* based on the following:

Asking questions and providing assistance to others. For this, you ask/answer questions of others on a comment or post. A minimum of eight quality comments will count as full credit toward your bonus points (one HW for four quality posts and a second HW core for 4 additional quality posts). *Only blog activity prior to the last day of class will count toward your blog participation reward.*

LOGGING IN: You can access all of the information on the blog except adding blog posts without logging in. In order to log in, do the following:

1. Use your Purdue Career Account login. *Do NOT use the BoilerKey (two-factor) authentication.*
2. On the first login, you will need to receive approval prior to being able to post comments. We will get this approval done quickly as possible. It is recommended that you log on to the blog during the first week of class in order to get this approval process done in time for you to use the blog throughout the semester.

ANONYMITY IN POSTING: When you first log onto the course blog and are approved by your instructor, your default *User Name* is set to that of your Purdue Career Account. This *User Name* will appear with each comment that you post on the blog. If you would like to post anonymously, you are able to choose a new “*Nickname*” that will be displayed instead of your *User Name* on the comments. To do so:

1. Go to your “**Edit my profile**” in the upper right of the Admin Bar under “**Howdy**”.
2. Add a nickname in the “**Nickname**” (*required*)” box.
3. In the “**Display name publicly as**”, choose the desired nickname from the drop-down list.
4. Click “**Update Profile**” at the bottom of the page.

You may add additional *Nicknames*, and switch among these for different displays throughout the semester. If being anonymous to your colleagues is important to you for your postings, choose nicknames that will help you maintain your anonymity.