Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 7:53 PM PDT) Have you been working through the week one stuff?

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 7:54 PM PDT) Pretty good, thanks. Yes, I have gone through this weeks stuff, and am glad we are doing this chat, because I have a few questions.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 7:55 PM PDT) It has been interesting so far, a little concerned because like most people I am somewhat fearful of research but looking for the two articles turned out okay.

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 7:56 PM PDT) It really isn't that difficult, especially when you know specifically what you’re looking for. You'll be pretty comfortable with it all before you know it.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 7:57 PM PDT) I am looking forward to that day. The syllabus seems pretty straight forward about what we will learn and are expected to do.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 7:58 PM PDT) Are you taking any other courses?

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 7:58 PM PDT) I am hoping to get more information on assignment specifics, and grading rubrics. This is my only course this term.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 7:59 PM PDT) Good evening Professor

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 7:59 PM PDT) Wow, I just hit the add message button and it didn't post.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 7:59 PM PDT) Hello. Nice to see this group is on

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:00 PM PDT) thanks for setting up this chat

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 8:00 PM PDT) Thanks for doing this. I think it will be helpful to get some questions answered.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:00 PM PDT) Let me remind everyone: This is a slow process, so ask a question, wait for a reply, then ask another one. OK your turn

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:01 PM PDT) Joe would you like to go first?

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 8:01 PM PDT) Sure, thanks. I am wondering if we will get more specific instructions on the course assignments, and grading rubrics soon.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:03 PM PDT) Good evening everyone. Yes, the assignment requirements and grading scheme will be posted soon--our tech support person has these documents. Right now, they're still putting up course material; so it will come.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:04 PM PDT) I was curious about retrieving the articles for week 2, 3 & 4 are there only two?

Sally Student  (Sep 30, 2008 8:05 PM PDT) Hello. Question...is it possible to use a statistics text other than the required one listed? Ps. i am such a slow typist!

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:07 PM PDT) Yes; 2 articles you should retrieve: Wilbur et al; and Alper & Lewis. Other readings/learning activities are on the week-by week postings. As to texts; keep in mind you will be asked to use materials guided by the assigned texts. But in stats, it may be ok; as long as you are familiar with what the assigned text states.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:08 PM PDT) I was pleased with the OVID exercise which seemed very intimidating at first

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 8:08 PM PDT) Is the course Q&A section under forums waiting to get added, because it isn't there.
• **Joe Q** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:08 PM PDT)* Is the course Q&A section under forums waiting to get added, because it isn't there.

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:09 PM PDT)* I was waiting for next questions. Perhaps I'll just provide some strategies:

• **Joe Q** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:09 PM PDT)* Is the Course Q&A still waiting to be added under forums, because it currently isn't there. Also, are there still being changes in the small groups for discussion. I notice I am still showing a group that I am not listed in. Can you tell me which group I am in?

• **Joe Q** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:11 PM PDT)* My messages keep disappearing after I hit "add message". I was wondering if Course Q&A is waiting to be added, as it is not yet under forums. Also, can you tell me which group I'll be in. I'm still showing a group that my name is not listed in.

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:11 PM PDT)* Continuing my previous point: Work on not getting behind in readings, assignments, activities, or in working with your group. The course may look daunting at first, best to stay focused and don't get behind. Next, there are activities to post as a group (and not graded); then there are assignments that are graded and comprise part of your grade (keep focused on these). Always keep a calendar of assignments and the due dates; or you may lost points; or your group may lose points.

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:12 PM PDT)* Joe you will probably be added to group 1; or group 2 (it should be up by tomorrow).

• **Jane Doe** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:13 PM PDT)* For the discussion do the two paragraphs include a, b & c or is two paragraphs a piece?

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:16 PM PDT)* For the Forum group discusssions; you should work on answering each section/set of questions under a), b), and c). However you wish to answer is fine-as long as you address all points. Keep in mind that 10% of your overall course grade is based on participation in SAKAI, your group, etc (5% from students; 5% faculty)

• **Joe Q** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:17 PM PDT)* I assume that each group will be individually responsible for determining how to divide their work, and that regardless of who does what, the group will receive one grade?

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:18 PM PDT)* Correct. I strongly suggest you develop clear guidelines and expectations, including due dates for each piece of work. Also best if 1 person coordinates, and formats the entire document, or attachment the group wishes to submit. If a member gets behind, best to notify other group members and help out.

• **Jane Doe** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:20 PM PDT)* Do we take turns coordinating this?

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:22 PM PDT)* It usually turns out that students choose to coordinate the area they are most comfortable with; topics they know the most about. Once you know your group's strengths, it will be easier. Groups may wish to set up a regular time to chat among their members.

• **Jane Doe** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:22 PM PDT)* that is a good idea. Do we stay in the same group for the entire course?

• **Professor** *(Sep 30, 2008 8:24 PM PDT)* Yes, unless we hear differently. Once, a couple of people dropped the course; and so the group became too small and they had to be reassigned (otherwise, we can't expect a group of 2 to handle the work). In another class, 2 students elected to form a group---as long as they understood that requirements stayed the same. Of course, let us know if there's any difficulties.
Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 8:25 PM PDT) Did you see my question about course Q&A? Sorry, I just know that I usually have questions come up, and that it seems others do too.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:26 PM PDT) Yes, I did; thought I responded. Course Q & A was listed under Forums. I'll check again--but it showed on my screen. Will check again from the office.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:27 PM PDT) Is there a lounge in this course for us to do this chat or do we use this chat room? Is there a place where we can see our groups email addresses or an email list?

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 8:27 PM PDT) It is not showing on mine.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:28 PM PDT) For those of you not familiar with me: I respond to emails, Q & A's within 1-2 days--if you don't hear from me, please do send email. I'm know for being reliable and responsive to students. Joe- please send me your questions by email tonight. I'll have our tech people check this out tomorrow morning.

Joe Q  (Sep 30, 2008 8:30 PM PDT) Ok. I'll email them to you.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:30 PM PDT) Roberta, re: chat rooms. Just decide among yourselves date and time, then click on chat. The logs will be filed by date. RE: group emails--please share these on the chat room also, other info. You can also click on the mailtool and check this out.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:31 PM PDT) Oh okay thanks I didn't look into that link. On page two of the syllabus what does TC stand for?

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:33 PM PDT) Terminal competencies--this student guide is not a formal part of the syllabus. It's just a suggested draft the faculty put together, to help organize your term.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:34 PM PDT) Makes sense, thanks it is helpful to see an overall picture

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:36 PM PDT) Let me clarify the issue of Chat Rooms. We're now in the "Main Chat Room"--or the faculty-student public chat room; all can view this. The "group chat rooms" are developed so that only students/members of that specific group can log on and have discussions. I'll also speak with tech support about this tomorrow--if groups want to have their own chat room.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:36 PM PDT) Even after doing the tutorial in the library will you still be a resource for refining how to do the search?

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:38 PM PDT) You have assignments due Wk 3--on web search and library search. I, and your group, or others can suggest words, phrases, other ways to search. You'll find that you groups will be very accessible and helpful.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:39 PM PDT) my apology I meant to respond to your last comment but had that question sitting in the queue. That is encouraging because that seems difficult for me even just thinking about it. I played around with it and I am sure with others help and practice I will get it.

Professor  (Sep 30, 2008 8:39 PM PDT) An overall suggestion; if you need to review stats, please do it this week and next. If your strength is stats and cut/pasting, graphics, etc---tell your group members.

Jane Doe  (Sep 30, 2008 8:41 PM PDT) That is a good idea. What do you suggest as the most critical area to review first?
* Sally Student ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:42 PM PDT) Regarding statistics...is it possible to use another text or is the required one necessary? This question coming from someone statistically challenged.

* Professor ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:43 PM PDT) Feel comfortable with basic descriptive stats; move on to more complex stats, library work, become comfortable with internet resources, ways to interpret stats...

* Jane Doe ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:44 PM PDT) I haven't purchased the stats book but do you think it is more helpful for this course and beyond?

* Professor ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:46 PM PDT) Jane, sorry, my response to your last question is embedded above. ok to use another text, but your assignments should reflect what is in the assigned text. I'm not sure what texts she uses in her other classes (you may send her email).

* Jane Doe ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:48 PM PDT) I have more insight from this little discussion and some of my fears have been decreased thank you for having this early on.

* Professor ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:48 PM PDT) For this week, please retrieve the articles, do the readings, and work on answering the questions for the threaded discussions (TD)--you'll find that you will need to review stats/data analysis in order to post some good, challenging answers.

* Jane Doe ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:50 PM PDT) I am assuming that the readings will help us see how write those challenging answers

* Professor ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:50 PM PDT) Thank you for being here. Remember, we are not always in the office, but we'll get back to you. Also, although you may not hear from me, we log on various times throughout the week and review postings, questions, assignments, etc.

* Jane Doe ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:51 PM PDT) Thanks again and good night everyone.

* Professor ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:51 PM PDT) Reading will help you formulate ideas, further questions. You may post something, and a group member will add, question it, or suggest other ways of looking at things. It's a great learning method.

* Professor ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:52 PM PDT) good night all.

* Sally Student ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:52 PM PDT) Good night and thanks!

* Joe Q ♦ (Sep 30, 2008 8:57 PM PDT) Good night everyone.