Instructors in D2L can select the title of the discussion and choose “Mark all Threads as Read,” which will mark all of their unread threads. Students do not have this ability, however. This means that the discussion statistics for students be an accurate indicator.

To view discussion statistics, the instructor should choose “view topic statistics” beside the name of the discussion (in the “discussion” area). She/he will be able to see the number of threads the person has opened and replied to.

For the response to be “marked” and counted in the statistics, the student must either click on the dropdown by the name of the post and choose “Mark Post as Read” or...
When the student clicks on the thread, there will be a blue line to the left of the posts that the student has not read. When this is aligned to the middle of the screen, the blue line will appear after a few seconds. This means that is it being counted as “read” in the statistics.

An easy way for the student to tell how many discussions he/she has read would be to view the “post” number on the discussion topic. The number of total posts available will be in black and his/her number of unread post would be in blue. In this case, there are 97 posts and the students had 96 unread posts. This means she has read 1 post in this discussion.