

DISCUSSION BOARD GRADING RUBRIC

Criteria	Unacceptable 0 Points	Acceptable 1 Point	Good 2 Points	Excellent 3 Points
Frequency Weight: 3	Participates not at all.	Participates 1-2 times on the same day. Postings may not be made in time for others to read and respond.	Participates 3-4 times but postings not distributed throughout week. Postings are made in time for others to read and respond.	Participates 4-5 times throughout the week. Postings are made in time for others to read and respond.
Initial Assignment Posting Weight: 1	Posts no assignment.	Posts adequate assignment with superficial thought and preparation; doesn't address all aspects of the task.	Posts well developed assignment that addresses all aspects of the task; lacks full development of concepts.	Posts well developed assignment that fully addresses and develops all aspects of the task.
Follow-Up Postings Weight: 1	Posts no follow-up responses to others.	Posts shallow contribution to discussion (e.g., agrees or disagrees); does not enrich discussion.	Elaborates on an existing posting with further comment or observation.	Demonstrates analysis of others' posts; extends meaningful discussion by building on previous posts.
Content Contribution Weight: 3	Posts information that is off-topic, incorrect, and/or irrelevant to discussion.	Repeats but does not add substantive information to the discussion.	Posts information that is factually correct; lacks full development of concept or thought.	Posts factually correct, reflective and substantive contribution; advances discussion.
Clarity & Mechanics Weight: 1	Posts long, unorganized and/or rude content that may contain multiple errors and/or may be inappropriate.	Communicates in friendly, courteous and helpful manner with some errors in clarity and/or mechanics.	Contributes valuable information to discussion with minor clarity and/or mechanics errors.	Contributes to discussion with clear, concise comments formatted in an easy to read style that is free of grammatical and/or spelling errors.
General Weight: 1	Posts long, unorganized and/or rude content.	Communicates in friendly, courteous and helpful manner.	Contributes valuable information to discussion.	Contributes to discussion with clear, concise comments formatted in an easy to read style.