

# **Discussion Rubric: Undergraduate**

Your active participation in the discussion forums is essential to your overall success this term. Discussion questions are designed to help you make meaningful connections between the course content and the larger concepts and goals of the course. These discussions offer you the opportunity to express your own thoughts, ask questions for clarification, and gain insight from your classmates' responses and instructor's guidance.

### **Requirements for Discussion Board Assignments**

Students are required to post one initial post and to follow up with at least two response posts for each discussion board assignment.

## For your initial post (1), you must do the following:

- Compose a post of one to two paragraphs.
- In Module One, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Take into consideration material such as course content and other discussion boards from the current module and previous modules, when appropriate (make sure you are using proper citation methods for your discipline when referencing scholarly or popular resources).

### For your response posts (2), you must do the following:

- Reply to at least two different classmates outside of your own initial post thread.
- In Module One, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Demonstrate more depth and thought than simply stating that "I agree" or "You are wrong." *Guidance is provided for you in each discussion prompt.*

<b>Critical Elements</b>	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Not Evident	Value
Comprehension	Develops an initial post with an	Develops an initial post with a	Develops an initial post with a	Does not develop an initial post	40
	organized, clear point of view or	point of view or idea using	point of view or idea but with	with an organized point of view	
	idea using rich and significant detail	adequate organization and	some gaps in organization and	or idea (0%)	
	(100%)	detail (85%)	detail (55%)		
Timeliness		Submits initial post on time	Submits initial post one day late	Submits initial post two or more	10
		(100%)	(55%)	days late (0%)	
Engagement	Provides relevant and meaningful	Provides relevant response	Provides somewhat relevant	Provides response posts that	30
	response posts with clarifying	posts with some explanation	response posts with some	are generic with little	
	explanation and detail (100%)	and detail (85%)	explanation and detail (55%)	explanation or detail (0%)	
Writing	Writes posts that are easily	Writes posts that are easily	Writes posts that are	Writes posts that others are not	20
(Mechanics)	understood, clear, and concise	understood using proper	understandable using proper	able to understand and does	
	using proper citation methods	citation methods where	citation methods where	not use proper citation	
	where applicable with no errors in	applicable with few errors in	applicable with a number of	methods where applicable (0%)	
	citations (100%)	citations (85%)	errors in citations (55%)		
					100%

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