**Graduate Discussion Board Grading Rubric**

**Based on 50-point maximum**

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| **Criteria For Initial Posts** | **Levels of Achievement** | | | |
| **Content**  **70%** |  |  |  |  |
| **Thread: Content** | **13 to 14 points**  All key components of the (Group) Discussion Board Forum prompt are answered in the thread. The thread has a clear, logical flow. Major points are stated clearly. Major points are supported by good examples or thoughtful analysis. | **11 to 12 points**  Most of the components of the Group Discussion Board Forum prompt are answered in the thread. The thread has a logical flow. Major points are stated reasonably well. Major points are supported by good examples or thoughtful analysis. | **1 to 10 points**  The Group Discussion Board Forum prompt are addressed minimally. The thread lacks flow or content. Major points are unclear or confusing. Major points are not supported by examples or thoughtful analysis. | **0 points**  Not present |
| **Thread:**  **Support** | **4 to 5 points**  Major points are supported by all of the following:   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * At least 2 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook; and   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle. | **2 to 3 points**  Major points are supported by all of the following):   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * At least 1 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook; and   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle. | **1 point**  Major points are supported by some of the following):   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * At least 1 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook; and   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle. | **0 points**  Major points are supported by none of the following:   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * At least 1 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook; and   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle |
| **Structure 30%** |  |  |  |  |
| **Thread: Grammar and Spelling, APA formatting**  **(30%)** | **3 points**  Spelling and grammar are correct. Sentences are complete, clear, and concise.  Paragraphs contain appropriately varied sentence structures. Where applicable, references are cited in current APA format. | **2 points**  Spelling and grammar has some errors. Sentences are presented as well. Paragraphs contain some varied sentence structures. Where applicable, references are cited with some APA formatting. | **1 point**  Spelling and grammar errors distract. Sentences are incomplete or unclear. Paragraphs are poorly formed. Where applicable, references are minimally or not cited in current APA format. | **0 points**  Not present |
| **Thread:**  **Word Count** | **3 points**  Minimum word count of 500 words is met or exceeded. | **2 points**  Minimum word count of 400-499 words met. | **1 point**  Minimum word count of 1-498 words met. | **0 points**  Not present |

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| **Criteria for Replies** | **Levels of Achievement** | | | |
| **Content**  **70%** |  |  |  |  |
| **Thread: Content** | **18 to 19 points**  Major points are supported by all of the following:   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * Thoughtful analysis (considering assumptions, analyzing implications, and comparing/contrasting concepts); and * At least 2 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook.   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle. | **16 to 17 points**  Major points are supported by all of the following:   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * Thoughtful analysis (considering assumptions, analyzing implications, and comparing/contrasting concepts); and * At least 1 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook.   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle | **1 to 15 points**  Major points are supported by some of the following:   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * Thoughtful analysis (considering assumptions, analyzing implications, and comparing/contrasting concepts); and * At least 1 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook.   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle | **0 points**  Major points are supported by none of the following:   * Reading & Study materials; * Pertinent, conceptual, or personal examples; * Thoughtful analysis (considering assumptions, analyzing implications, and comparing/contrasting concepts); and * At least 1 peer-reviewed source citations, in addition to the course textbook.   Integration of at least 1 biblical principle |
| **Structure 30%** |  |  |  |  |
| **Thread: Grammar and Spelling, APA formatting**  **(30%)** | **3 points**  Two replies submitted. Spelling and grammar are correct. Sentences are complete, clear, and concise.  Paragraphs contain appropriately varied sentence structures. Where applicable, references are cited in current APA format. | **2 points**  Two replies submitted. Spelling and grammar has some errors. Sentences are presented as well. Paragraphs contain some varied sentence structures. Where applicable, references are cited with some APA formatting. | **1 point**  Only one reply submitted. Spelling and grammar errors distract. Sentences are incomplete or unclear. Paragraphs are poorly formed. Where applicable, references are minimally or not cited in current APA format. | **0 points**  Not present |
| **Thread:**  **Word Count** | **3 points**  Minimum word count of 450 words is met or exceeded. | **2 points**  Minimum word count of 300-449 words met. | **1 point**  Minimum word count of 1-299 words met. | **0 points**  Not present |