

# Discussion Board Grading Rubric

Criteria	Unacceptable	Minimally Acceptable	Good (expected)	Excellent
<b>Frequency and Timeliness</b>	Student does not participate at all.	Participates, but does not make all required posts. Postings are made only one time (does not check back for responses and follow up posts).	Minimum number of required postings are made, however, some are at the last minute, not allowing others to read and respond	All required postings are made, early and throughout the discussion to allow others to read and respond, and the submitter to follow up
<b>Initial Assignment Posting (if applicable)</b>	Posts no initial 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.
<b>Follow-Up Postings</b>	Posts no follow-up responses to others.	Posts shallow contribution to discussion (e.g., simply 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.
<b>Content Contribution</b>	Posts information that is off-topic, incorrect, or irrelevant to discussion.	Repeats (or copies and pastes) but does not add substantive information to the discussion.	Posts information that is factually correct and contains some analysis; lacks full development of concept or thought.	Posts factually correct, reflective and substantive contribution; advances discussion.
<b>References &amp; Support</b>	Includes no references or supporting experience.	Uses personal experience, but no references to readings or research.	Incorporates some references text and personal experience.	Uses scholarly references, including literature, readings, or relevant personal experience to support comments.
<b>Clarity &amp; Mechanics</b>	Posts are too short and inadequate (i.e., I agree with Bob) or excessively long posts that are unorganized or rude content that may contain multiple errors or may be inappropriate.	Posts are too brief to adequately express the essence or concept. Communicates in friendly, courteous and helpful manner with some errors in clarity or mechanics.	Posts are appropriate in length to express the essence or concept. Contributes valuable information to discussion with minor clarity or mechanics errors.	Contributes to discussion with clear, concise comments formatted in an easy to read style that is free of grammatical or spelling errors.