

## Online Discussion Grading Rubric

	<b>Outstanding 95/A</b>	<b>Good 85/B</b>	<b>Average 75/C</b>	<b>Limited 65/D</b>	<b>Flawed 55/F</b>
<p><b>Demonstrates <i>comprehension</i> of the content/subject under discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows serious contemplation of the topic (or readings) under discussion.</li> <li>• Ideas are relevant to the issue under discussion.</li> <li>• Information/knowledge is correct.</li> <li>• Uses accurate explanations, reasons, or evidence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicates understanding of material.</li> <li>• Ideas reasonably clear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading was completed.</li> <li>• Reader must make some guesses as to meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests that information was scanned but not comprehended.</li> <li>• Student uses incorrect information.</li> <li>• Ideas limited and hard to understand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little indication of comprehension of material.</li> <li>• Post is not relevant to the topic or question under discussion.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Demonstrates <i>reasoning</i> (ability to use the content to explore an issue, answer a question, make a decision, or discuss a point)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively stimulates and sustains inquiry by asking thoughtful questions.</li> <li>• Shows original and critical thought that goes beyond the obvious.</li> <li>• Argues by using source material (course material) was evidence.</li> <li>• Distinguishes fact from opinion.</li> <li>• Summarizes points of agreement and disagreement to set the stage for further development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asks engaging questions.</li> <li>• Demonstrates critical thought.</li> <li>• Relies of specific evidence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes a position with little evidence or explanation.</li> <li>• States the obvious.</li> <li>• Argues only by analogy.</li> <li>• Offers generalizations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepts ideas of others without thought.</li> <li>• Little relevant information.</li> <li>• Uses little in the way of supporting evidence.</li> <li>• Opinions may be stated as facts.</li> <li>• Limited knowledge of topic prevents exploration of related issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only unsupported opinion.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Engagement with others</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thoughtful and reflective comments and questions.</li> <li>• Acknowledges and invites contributions from others.</li> <li>• Disagreements handled professionally.</li> <li>• Encourages a variety of points of view.</li> <li>• Aware of cultural differences in social interactions and behaves appropriately.</li> <li>• Attempts to resolve conflicts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows attention to other posts in the thread.</li> <li>• Incorporates and acknowledges ideas of others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates in discussion with little significant contribution.</li> <li>• No attempt to engage others.</li> <li>• Mostly summarizes what others have said without adding to the discussion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irrelevant or distracting statements.</li> <li>• Comments are unconstructive and/or non-courteous.</li> <li>• Misrepresents the content of other posts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ignores other posts in the thread.</li> <li>• Does not engage.</li> <li>• Interactions are inappropriate.</li> <li>• Comments are offensive.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Quality of writing/mechanics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing is clear and concise.</li> <li>• Defines or explains terms and concepts that may be unfamiliar to others.</li> <li>• Almost totally free of technical errors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning is clear but errors in writing and syntax.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understandable.</li> <li>• Misspelled words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning is ambiguous or unclear.</li> <li>• Frequent grammatical/mechanical errors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incomprehensible.</li> <li>• Full of technical and/or grammatical errors.</li> </ul>