

Discussion Participation Rubric			
20-16pts	15-11pts	10-6pts	5-0pts
<p>You interacted in classroom discussions in a way that demonstrated deeper or broader thoughts about a topic, rather than just rephrasing what the textbook or fellow classmate had to say on the topic. You responded to two or more of your peers in a way that promoted further discussion and critical thinking.</p>	<p>You joined the classroom only once in the week, or you joined in discussion for only one of the discussion questions, but in sufficient depth. You responded to at least two of your peers in a manner that promoted discussion but lacked elements of critical thinking.</p>	<p>You participated, but did not provide further opportunity for discussion; your participation was not substantive. You responded to at least one of your peers in a way that explored further discussion but did not promote critical thinking.</p>	<p>You did not participate or you waited until the last day to respond to classroom discussion, with no chance of further discussion.</p>
<p>Your posts covered the content sufficiently by expanding on the main points of the conversation; you used critical thinking and related to personal experiences in a way that showed analysis of the topic.</p>	<p>Your posts covered the content by discussing the main topics; you used critical thinking and related to personal experiences.</p>	<p>You covered the content by identifying the main topics; there was little evidence of critical thinking.</p>	<p>Main discussion topics were not covered or you digressed from the topic at hand.</p>
<p>Your initial posts were appropriate length, meeting or exceeding two paragraphs. Your replies to peers were well developed, insightful and provided an opportunity for response.</p>	<p>Your posts were mostly appropriate length, one-two paragraphs long. Your responses to peers were well developed.</p>	<p>Your posts were not appropriate length and were less than one paragraph in length. Your posts to peers were not well developed and did not offer opportunity for further discussion.</p>	<p>Your posts were minimally developed. You did not respond to peers or your responses were insufficient.</p>
<p>You showed professional writing skills, grammar, sentence structure, word choice and spelling. APA formatting and relevant references were used.</p>	<p>You showed professional writing skills, grammar, sentence structure, word choice and spelling. APA formatting and relevant references were minimally used.</p>	<p>You showed writing skills, grammar, sentence structure, word choice and spelling that contained a few errors. APA formatting and relevant references were used but erroneous.</p>	<p>You showed a lack of control proper grammar, spelling and mechanics in standard English. APA formatting and relevant references were not evident.</p>