

GRADING RUBRIC FOR ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUMS BASED ON UNIT TOPICS

SCORE	FORUM FOCUS	DEPTH OF CONTRIBUTION	UTILIZATION OF OUTSIDE SOURCES
50 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum focus fully addressed and all points covered • In-depth, well thought out responses • High degree of reflection evident in all responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High degree of relevancy in all responses • Contributes to Forum through reflective responses • Offers additional suggestions to other postings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizes at least two outside sources to support responses posted • In addition to sources to support response, postings include online resources relevant to the topic
30 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum focus addressed and all points covered • Well-thought out responses • Reflection evident in most responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevancy evident in most responses • Contributes to Forum through reflective responses • Offers suggestions on occasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizes at least two outside sources to support responses posted • Postings sometimes include additional online resources relevant to the topic
15 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum focus somewhat addressed and some points covered • Responses sketchy and vague • Absence of reflection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of relevancy in responses • Little reflective thought present in responses • Responses appear to be hasty and vague 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No outside sources utilized in responses • Postings do not include additional online resources
0 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate responses • Student did not respond to the task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate responses • Student did not respond to the task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate responses • Student did not respond to the task

NOTES:

- The Online Discussion Forums based on assigned readings
- Unit Forums are worth 50 points each
- The Unit Discussion Forums are a means for exchanging ideas and information—not for posting meaningless notes (Example: “I agree.” Or “You are right!”).
- Before engaging in online discussion via the Forums, please be sure to examine the rubric and become familiar with the evaluation procedure.
- The rubric will be strictly adhered to with regard to Forum evaluation.
- If you have any questions regarding the rubric and/or the evaluation procedure, please contact me immediately.