

Evaluation of Discussion Board Participation

Criteria	Weightage	Poor 1 Points	Acceptable 2 Points	Good 3 Points	Excellent 4 Points
Frequency	15%	Does not participate at all in any discussion board	Participates in 50% of the discussion boards	Participates in 75% of the boards	Participates in all boards
Raising questions	15%	Does not ask any questions	Asks at least one question in every board	Asks a reasonable number of questions .	Asks very relevant and thought provoking questions
Follow-Up Postings	15%	Posts no follow-up responses to others.	Posts shallow contribution to discussion (e.g., 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.
Content Contribution	25%	Posts information that is off-topic, incorrect, or irrelevant to discussion.	Repeats but does not add substantive information to the discussion.	Posts information that is factually correct; lacks full development of concept or thought.	Posts factually correct, reflective and substantive contribution; advances discussion.
References & Support	15%	Includes no references or supporting experience.	Uses personal experience, but no references to readings or research.	Incorporates some references from literature and personal experience.	Uses references to literature, readings, or personal experience to support comments.
Clarity & Mechanics	15%	Posts long, unorganized or rude content that may contain multiple errors or may be inappropriate.	Communicates in friendly, courteous and helpful manner with some errors in clarity or mechanics.	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.