

**Weekly Discussion Grading Rubric (weeks 1-7):**

Criteria	Achievement Level 5 (Exceptional)	Achievement Level 4 (Effective)	Achievement Level 3 (Acceptable)	Achievement Level 2 (Developing)	Achievement Level 1 (Unacceptable)
<b>Initial Post: Timeliness</b>	Initial post completed by the third day of the week. (10 points)	Initial post completed by the fourth day of the week. (8 points)	Initial post completed by the fifth day of the week. (5 points)	Initial post completed by the sixth or seventh day of the week. (3 points)	No initial post submitted. (0 points)
<b>Initial Post: Completeness of Discussion Prompt</b>	Submitted a complete initial post. Addresses all the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answered all question prompts.</li> <li>• Identified, interpreted, or inferred to the discussion topic being addressed.</li> <li>• Explored <b>and/or</b> explained the topic and how it applied to the discussion forum.</li> <li>• Analyzed the topic being discussed and applied it to a fact <b>and/or</b> advocated a position or recommendation.</li> </ul> (30 points)	Submitted an incomplete post. Missing 1 of the required elements. (25 points)	Submitted an incomplete post. Missing 2 of the required elements. (20 points)	Submitted an incomplete post. Missing 3 of the required elements. (15 points)	No initial post submitted or post was severely off target in addressing the discussion question/topic. (0 points)
<b>Initial Post: Application of Information Resources</b>	Student's writing is supported with at least one scholarly source in the initial answer post. Examples of scholarly sources are journal articles, assigned	Student's writing is supported with a non-scholarly source in the initial answer post. (10 points)	Student's writing is not supported with either a scholarly or non-scholarly source in the initial answer post. (5 points)		Discussion post not submitted. (0 points)

	readings, textbooks, lectures, course materials, or authoritative websites. (15 points)				
<b>Peer Responses: Discussion Board Engagement</b>	Posted on 1 additional day after initial discussion post. (10 points)		Initial post and peer response completed on the same day. (5 points)		No peer responses. (0 points)
<b>Peer Responses: Substantial Replies</b>	Posted at least two substantial responses to peers that drives the discussion forward. <b>Substantial responses successfully show:</b> evidence of accurately interpreting topical knowledge, identifying relevant arguments, evaluating alternative points of view, justifying key results, explaining assumptions, <b>and/or</b> drawing upon reasonable and thoughtful conclusions. (20 points)	<b>Posted two responses. Only one peer response</b> met all criteria for substantial peer post. (15 points)	Posted at least two peer responses. Neither of the responses met the criteria for a substantial post. (Or only one peer reply had a substantial response noted) (10 points)	<b>Posted only one</b> peer response. Reply <b>did not meet the</b> criteria for a substantial post. (5 points)	No peer responses <b>or</b> responses were severely off target in addressing the discussion question/topic. (0 points)
<b>Initial Post and Peer Responses: Written Communication</b>	Posts contain proper spelling and grammar. Student organized the content, the flow was logical and clear, including the use of professional language. (7.5 points)	Posts contain 1-3 grammar/spelling errors. (6 points)	Posts contain 4-6 grammar/spelling errors. (5 points)	Posts contain greater than 6 grammar/spelling errors. (4 points)	No discussion post submitted. (0 points)
<b>APA</b>	All sources used in discussion post(s)	Attempted in-text citation <b>and</b> full	Attempted in-text citation <b>and</b> full	At least one source is written without an	No discussion post was

	include properly formatted APA in-text citation(s) and full reference(s). APA style includes 0 – 1 error. (7.5 points)	reference with all sources used in discussion post(s). APA style includes 2-4 errors. (6 points)	reference with all sources used in discussion post(s). APA style includes 5-6 errors. (5 points)	APA in-text citation <b>or</b> full reference in discussion post(s). APA style includes more than 6 errors. (4 points)	submitted. OR No APA formatting was used in the discussion post(s). (0 points)
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