

Discussion Post Guidelines, Dates and Deadlines

The primary way you will engage with your peers in class will be through Discussion posts.

Discussion boards provide you with an opportunity to express your ideas about the course content and learn about how others in the course are thinking about and engaging with the course material. These discussions are our primary form of class participation, as we all learn more when we learn from each other.

How to participate in our discussions

Discussion board participation is graded on an all-or-nothing, complete-or-incomplete basis. You **must address all of the criteria below** according to the discussion board rubric in order to get credit.

1. **Each week**, you will see a discussion board and prompts provided. **You will write a response to the prompt(s)**. Your writing should demonstrate that you have viewed, read, understood, and meaningfully applied the information that you've gained from the course module that week, and/or throughout the course. After you post, you will be able to see what other people in our class have written.
2. **Read your classmates' posts and write a minimum of two responses**. Responses should demonstrate that you have read your classmate's post and should contribute to, build upon, ask questions, and/or add to their post (for example, "I agree" is not enough. What do you agree with, why does that matter, how does your response add value to the discussion post?)
3. It is also expected that **you return to your original post and respond to any questions or comments left by your classmates or instructor. If you have no comments, reply to your first post** by describing how your thinking about your original post was deepened, changed, or otherwise considered differently based on reading your classmates' posts.
4. **Your original discussion post, two responses, and response to your original post need to be completed on the discussion board by the listed deadlines below.** Deadlines listed on the individual Discussion Boards and in the course calendar are for the original post. See additional deadlines below.

As with all of your work for this course, all discussion posts need to be original. This means that you are expressing your own ideas in your own words, citing sources when they are not your own ideas/work, and adhere to the University Student Code of Academic Integrity (linked in LMS).

Discussion Post Schedule - Dates and Deadlines

Our discussion post schedule is set up this way to allow you plenty of time to engage with one another. Please review this schedule carefully and add these due dates to your calendar.

What's Due and When

Week	Original Post Due Thursdays 11:59PM	Peer Responses due Saturdays 11:59PM	Original Post Responses due Sundays 11:59PM
Week 1	1/18	1/20	1/21
Week 2	1/25	1/27	1/28
Week 3	2/1	2/3	2/4
Week 4	2/8	2/10	2/11
Week 5	2/15	2/17	2/18
Week 6	2/22	2/24	2/25
Week 7	Wednesday, 2/28	Friday, 3/1	Friday, 3/1

How your Discussion Post class participation will be evaluated

Discussions will be evaluated using the same Discussion Rubric (linked in LMS). Your discussions will be evaluated based on the relevance of your responses to the original discussion prompt(s), your engagement with your classmates, and your responses to your own discussion post.