

## Discussion Grading Rubric

Adapted from a rubric by Drs Amy Finch and Liane Connelly, Fort Hays State University.

The grade in each category contributes to a weighted-average discussion grade per module.

Category	A	B	C	D	Grade
<b>Quality of information</b>  x2	Postings clearly relate to the main topic and add new concepts, info. They include several supporting details and/or examples	Postings clearly relate to the main topic. They provide at least 1 supporting detail or example.	Postings clearly relate to the main topic. No details and/or examples are given.	Postings have little or nothing to do with the main topic or simply restate the main concept.	
<b>Critical Thinking</b>  x2	Postings consistently enhance the critical thinking process through reflection about issues and difference questioning of self and others.	Postings show individual critical thinking, but do not apply reflection and questioning to others' statements.	Postings respond to questions from others but do not show reflection or questioning of ideas.	No response to questions from others.	
<b>Reference material</b>	Postings frequently refer to textbook material or other reliable sources (books, journal articles, websites).	Postings show evidence of having read textbook, include at least one reference to text or other sources.	Postings show evidence of having read textbook, no references to any sources.	Postings include opinions only, no evidence of reading any reliable sources.	
<b>Participation</b>  x2	Postings encourage and facilitate interaction among members of the online community.	Postings respond to other members of the online community.	Postings rarely interact with or respond to other members of the online community.	Postings respond to the main question of the discussion facilitator only.	
<b>Language</b>	Postings consistently show appropriate vocabulary and writing style.	Postings usually show appropriate vocabulary and writing style.	Postings often include inappropriate vocabulary and writing style.	Postings consistently show inappropriate vocabulary and writing style.	

Required minimum # of postings completed?    Yes    No (if no, max. grade is D)

Final Discussion Grade: