

Grading Rubric for Online Discussion Board Assignments

Points	Interpretation	Grading criteria
Comment Content		
4	Excellent (A)	The comment is accurate, original, relevant, teaches us something new, and is well written. Four-point comments add substantial teaching presence to the course, and stimulate additional thought about the issue under discussion.
3	Above Average (B)	The comment lacks at least of the above qualities, but is above average in quality. A three-point comment makes a significant contribution to our understanding of the issue being discussed.
2	Average (C)	The comment lacks two or three of the required qualities. Comments that are primarily based upon personal opinion or personal experience often fall within the category.
1	Minimal (D)	The comment presents little or no new information. However, one-point comments may provide important social presence and contribute to a collegial atmosphere.
0	Unacceptable (F)	The comment adds no values to the discussion.
Comment Subject Field		
No penalty	Excellent Subject	The subject field conveys the main point of the comment. The reader clearly understands the main point of the comment before reading it.
1 point penalty	Minimal subject	The subject field provides key word(s) only. The reader knows the general area that the comment deals with.
2 point penalty	Subject field is unacceptable	The subject field provides little or no information about the comment.

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