

Discussion Rubric from De Anza College, San Francisco

Grading Rubric for Initial Discussion Posting – 5 points

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Points →	1	0.5	0
Focus	The posting demonstrates that the student understands the key concepts.	The posting somewhat demonstrates that the student understands the key concepts.	The posting does not demonstrate that the student understands the key concepts.
Completeness	The posting includes examples when appropriate and has adequate detail.	The posting includes some examples and some detail.	The posting neither includes examples when appropriate nor does it provide adequate detail.
Detail and facts	The posting has no significant factual errors and/or misconceptions.	The posting has a few significant factual errors and/or misconceptions.	The posting includes many factual errors and/or misconceptions.
Mechanics	The posting is written in complete sentences and with proper grammar.	Most of the posting is written in complete sentences and with proper grammar.	There are several incomplete sentences and cases of poor grammar.
Deadline and length	The posting is completed on time and with a minimum of 100 words.	The posting is completed one to two days late or has fewer than 100 words.	The posting is more than 2 days late and/or has significantly fewer than 100 words.

Grading Rubric for Discussion Response – 5 points

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Points →	1	0.5	0
Connection	The response concretely connects with the original posting.	The response somewhat connects with the original posting.	The response does not connect with the original posting.
Significance	The response adds significantly to the original posting.	The response adds somewhat to the original posting.	The response does not add to the original posting.
Contribution	The response contributes good suggestions to expand or improve the original posting.	The response contributes fair suggestions to expand or improve the original posting.	The response does not contribute good suggestions to expand or improve the original posting.
Mechanics	The response is written in complete sentences and with proper grammar.	Most of the response is written in complete sentences and with proper grammar.	There are several incomplete sentences and cases of poor grammar.
Deadline and length	The posting is completed on time and with a minimum of 50 words.	The posting is completed one to two days late or has fewer than 50 words.	The posting is more than 2 days late and/or has significantly fewer than 50 words.