

Name M2D1 Discussion Rubric

Description

Rubric Detail

Criteria	Levels of Achievement			
	Unacceptable	Minimally Responsive	Satisfactory	Exemplary
Analysis of Pros and Cons	0 Points The top three pros and cons for the TPP are not provided, or if they are, they are vague, inappropriate, and inaccurate.	6 Points The top three pros and cons for the TPP, including why each is significant enough to warrant discussion, are provided and generically discussed, providing summaries instead of critical analyses. Minimal to no evidence are provided to support claims.	12 Points The top three pros and cons for the TPP, including why each is significant enough to warrant discussion, are provided and described appropriately. The pros and cons are generally supported with evidence and reasons, with minor details missing.	15 Points The top three pros and cons for the TPP, including why each is significant enough to warrant discussion, are provided and analyzed critically, discussing in detail. Supporting details and evidence to justify the pros and cons are relevant, accurate, and specific.

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Analysis of TPP	0 Points Foundational information on the TPP is analyzed, but done so vaguely.	6 Points Major details analyzing the TPP using a trade theory are insufficient or missing, including whether the TPP would violate any of the theories key aspects.	12 Points Foundational information on the TPP is accurately described, including a general description of whether the TPP would violate any of the theories key aspects. Some major details are missing.	15 Points Foundational information on the TPP is thoroughly and accurately described, including a detailed description of whether the TPP would violate any of the theories key aspects.
Justification of Recommendation and Rationalization	0 Points No recommendation or rationalization to the committee are provided.	18 Points A recommendation to the committee is provided, but is not appropriate. The recommendation is vaguely supported, with inaccurate justifications not necessarily relevant to the TPP.	24 Points A recommendation to the committee is provided and is clearly laid out and relevant. The recommendation is supported with appropriate evidence-based explanations and justifications relevant to the TPP, with some minor details missing.	30 Points A recommendation to the committee is thoroughly laid out. The recommendation is supported with clear, thorough, appropriate evidence-based explanations and justifications relevant to the TPP.

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Substance of Responses/ Contribution to Discussion	0 Points Responses to other students' posts rely entirely on short statements like "I agree with...", "I like it", or "Great idea"; or no response posts are submitted. Responses do not explain, using relevant theories and data, why the choice on whether the U.S. should join the TPP or is or is not a wise decision.	6 Points Responses mostly summarize or rehash the comments of others, but are not substantive, and do not clearly explain, using relevant theories and data, why the choice on whether the U.S. should join the TPP or is or is not a wise decision.	12 Points Responses elaborate on others' ideas by adding substantive observations and comments or posing questions, and clearly explain, using relevant theories and data, why the choice on whether the U.S. should join the TPP or is or is not a wise decision.	15 Points Responses are substantive, introduce new ideas and advance the discussion by incorporating course materials and concepts or through application to real-world contexts. The explanation, using relevant theories and data, why the choice on whether the U.S. should join the TPP or is or is not a wise decision, is clear and insightful.
Relevance and Depth of Response Post	0 Points Response post to other students is off-topic, and not relevant to the initial post, or no post submitted.	6 Points Response post is related to the discussion topic, but focuses on only a small part of the topic/initial post.	12 Points Response post is relevant and responds completely to the discussion topic/initial post.	15 Points Response post thoroughly responds to all aspects of the discussion topic initial post, and incorporates multiple perspectives, ideas, or concepts.

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Writing Mechanics	0 Points Posts are disorganized, lack clarity, and contain frequent and glaring spelling and grammatical errors, which make understanding the post difficult; or no posts submitted.	6 Points Posts contain some obvious errors in spelling, grammar and organization. Errors make the main idea unclear and distract from the content of the post. Sources cited incorrectly if present.	8 Points Posts are written clearly with only minor errors in organization, spelling, and grammar. The post has clarity and the main point is easy to identify. Sources are cited correctly if present.	10 Points Posts are well-organized, clearly and concisely written. The posts are easy to read and free of spelling and grammatical errors. Sources are present and cited correctly.

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