

SBT Discussion Rubric

Criteria	Exemplary	Satisfactory	Minimally Responsive	Unacceptable	Weight
Relevance and Depth of Initial Post	Initial post thoroughly responds to all aspects of the discussion topic and provides detail and specifics.	Initial post is relevant and responds completely to the discussion topic.	Initial post is related to the discussion topic, but focuses on only a small part of the topic.	Initial post is off-topic, and not relevant to the discussion topic; or no post submitted.	10%
Criteria	10	8	6	0	
Use of Course Material in Initial Post	Initial post references course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc.), and related literature. Post elaborates on course materials by making connections between key ideas and concepts. Application to real-world contexts provide depth and help advance understanding of key course concepts.	Initial post identifies and references course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc.) and related literature. References to course material show a good understanding of key ideas and concepts. Application to real-world contexts are supported by course concepts.	Initial post refers to personal experiences, but fails to relate those experiences to the course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc.) or related literature. When references to course materials are made, there are errors and misunderstanding of major concepts.	Initial post makes no mention to the course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc.), related literature, or personal experiences; or no post is submitted.	15%
Criteria	15	12	9	0	
Critical Analysis in Initial Post	Substantial evidence and critical thought are provided to justify claims made within the post and account for the complexity of the issue.	Evidence is provided to support claims, but lacks critical thought and depth.	Claims are based solely on personal experience or references to course materials; claims are sometimes inaccurate.	Claims within the post are based on opinion and lack sufficient evidence; or no post is submitted.	15%
Criteria	15	12	9	0	
Timeliness of Initial Post	Initial post is completed by Wednesday at 11:59 PM EST.	Initial post is completed by Thursday at 11:59PM EST.	Initial post is completed by Saturday at 11:59 PM EST.	No initial post or is completed after Saturday at 11:59 PM EST for the week that it is due.	10%
Criteria	10	8	6	0	

Criteria	Exemplary	Satisfactory	Minimally Responsive	Unacceptable	Weight
Quality of responses	Responses are provided and are substantive, introduce new ideas and advance the discussion by incorporating course materials and concepts or through application to real-world contexts.	Responses are provided and responses elaborate on others' ideas by adding substantive observations and comments or posing questions.	Responses are provided but mostly summarize or rehash the comments of others, and are not substantive.	Responses are provided and/or responses rely entirely on short statements like "I agree with...", "I like it", or "Great idea".; or no responses submitted.	35%
Criteria Points	35	28	21	0	
Quantity of responses	More than 2 response posts	2 response posts	1 response post	No response posts	5%
Criteria Points	5	4	3	0	
Writing Mechanics	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.	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.	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.	Posts are disorganized, lack clarity, and contain frequent and glaring spelling and grammatical errors, which make understanding the post difficult; or no posts were submitted.	10%
Criteria Points	10	8	6	0	
Total Points	100	80	60	0	