

Forum Rubric Information

This rubric below outlines the scoring method for weekly forum posts and participation.

Basic Forum Participation

	Exemplary 33-38 pts (C-level)	Accomplished 11-30 pts (D-level)	Developing 1-10 pts (F-level)	Unsatisfactory 0 points
Initial post ____/38pts	Initial post is thoughtful, complete, and thoroughly addresses the assignment. The post meets specific assignment requirements, including length.	Initial post meets specific assignment requirements, including length. The post addresses the topic in adequate detail.	Initial post is incomplete or does not address the assignment.	Initial post is missing, no participation on the forum. Initial post may be plagiarized.
Responses ____/38pts	Responses are timely, substantive, and thorough. The writing is clear and organized. You exhibit care and consideration in your responses to others.	Responses are timely and thorough, but may lack complete development of ideas. One response may be missing.	Responses are short or perfunctory (one line posts) and/or do not encourage substantive conversation, or are argumentative or inhibit academic discourse.	Responses are missing, no participation on the forum.

Forum Extension

The above rubric details how to earn a C, or average, grade for the forum each week. In order to earn a higher grade, students must post additional responses for more credit.

A fourth forum response that meets the above standards will earn an additional 12 points, bringing that week's forum grade to a B. A fifth forum response that meets the above standards will earn an additional 12 points, bringing that week's forum grade to an A.

	Exemplary 10-12 pts	Accomplished 6-10 pts	Developing 1-5 pts	Unsatisfactory 0 points
Extended Replies ____/12pts	Initial post is thoughtful, complete, and thoroughly addresses the assignment. The post meets specific assignment requirements, including length.	Initial post meets specific assignment requirements, including length. The post addresses the topic in adequate detail.	Initial post is incomplete or does not address the assignment.	Initial post is missing, no participation on the forum. Initial post may be plagiarized.

Posting on Three Different Days

Students are expected to post on three different days each week. Initial posts are due by Wednesday of each week. Replies are to be completed by Sunday. Late or single-day posts are cause for a deduction.

Initial posts that are completed after Wednesday without instructor approval lose 5 points.

In addition, if a student has three or more posts, deduct 5 points from the week's total if a student has posted on only two days. Deduct 10 points if a student has posted only on one day.