



IHP 630 Discussion Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: You will write an initial post, ideally 1–2 paragraphs, to the discussion topic and reply to at least two posts during the week outside of your initial post thread. **This discussion should not be viewed as a short paper.** These discussions offer you the opportunity to express your own thoughts, ask questions for clarification, and gain insight from your classmates' responses and instructor's guidance.

It is important to have meaningful conversations with peers and the instructor. This does not mean you simply give your opinion when responding to the discussion question. You should provide thoughtful responses to the prompt using the course content to support your statement. **Citations are not required.** **Although this is a true discussion, please be aware of how you are presenting yourself professionally. Please do not use slang, and be aware of your spelling.**

Requirements for Discussion Topic Assignments

Students are required to post one initial post and to follow up with at least two response posts for each discussion topic assignment.

For your initial post (1), you must do the following:

- Compose a post of one to two paragraphs.
- In Module One, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time of the module week.
- In Modules Two through Ten, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Take into consideration material such as course content and other discussion topics from the current module and previous modules, when appropriate.

For your response posts (2), you must do the following:

- Reply to at least two classmates outside of your own initial post thread.
- In Module One, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time of the module week.
- In Modules Two through Ten, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Demonstrate more depth and thought than simply stating "I agree" or "You are wrong." *Guidance is provided for you in each discussion prompt.*

Critical Elements	Evident (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Idea Generation	Original post includes a generated idea or a question based on original ideas from the module	Generated idea or question not related to ideas in the module	Does not develop an initial post with an organized point of view or idea	45
Timeliness	Submits initial post on time	Submits initial post one or two days late	Submits initial post three days late	15
Engagement	Posts clear and specific response to two or more original posts	Provides general feedback or only responds to one classmate	Does not respond to classmates	40
Total				100%