

OL 600 Small Group Discussion Guidelines and Rubric

In this course, the small group discussion will be used in **Modules Two and Four**. Your active participation in the discussion topics is essential to your overall success this term. Discussion questions are designed to help you make meaningful connections between the course content and the larger concepts and goals of the course. 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.

Expectations for Posting:

For your initial post, you must do the following:

- Compose a post of one to two paragraphs.
- 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, you must do the following:

- Reply to each of the other classmates in your group.
- Complete the 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.*

Rubric

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Comprehension	Develops an initial post with an organized, clear point of view or idea using rich and significant detail	Develops an initial post with a point of view or idea using appropriate detail	Develops an initial post with a point of view or idea but with some gaps in organization and detail	Does not develop an initial post with an organized point of view or idea	20
Timeliness	Submits initial post on time, by Thursday at 11:59 of local time zone	Submits initial post by Friday at 11:59 p.m. of local time zone, one day late	Submits initial post by Saturday at 11:59 p.m. of local time zone, two days late	Submits initial post by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of local time zone, three days late	15
Engagement	Provides relevant and meaningful response posts with clarifying explanation and detail	Provides relevant response posts with some explanation and detail	Provides somewhat relevant response posts with some explanation and detail	Provides response posts that are generic with little explanation or detail	30
Critical Thinking	Draws insightful conclusions that are thoroughly defended with evidence and examples	Draws informed conclusions that are justified with evidence	Draws logical conclusions	Does not draw logical conclusions	35
Total					100%