



## **POL 491 Capstone Discussion Rubric**

Your active participation in the discussion topics is important to your overall success this term. Discussion questions are designed as structured opportunities to help you engage, problem-solve, and reflect with your peers as it relates to the course's final project. In the capstone experience, you are encouraged to take initiative and use the discussion topics for collaborative problem-solving and navigating the demands of the final project while soliciting and giving feedback to your peers.

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.

While a designated number of response posts are not required, it is still important that you engage with your peers to help replicate the type of peer collaboration and problem-solving often necessary to succeed in a professional environment.

### **Requirements for Discussion Topic Assignments**

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

- In Module One, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Take into consideration your previous coursework content and other discussions when appropriate.
- Reference scholarly or peer-reviewed sources to support your discussion points, as appropriate (*using proper citation methods for your discipline*).

#### **When responding to peers, you must do the following:**

- In Module One, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
- In Modules Two through Eight, 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.*

**Rubric**

<b>Critical Elements</b>	<b>Proficient (100%)</b>	<b>Not Proficient (0%)</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Relevancy</b>	Post reflects issues that are timely and of interest within the current landscape of political science studies	Post does not reflect issues that are timely and of interest within the current landscape of political science studies	30
<b>Organization</b>	Post is purposefully crafted and organized around a clear point of view, question, or idea using rich and significant detail	Post is not purposefully crafted and organized around a clear point of view, question, or idea using rich and significant detail	30
<b>Metacognition</b>	Demonstrates self-awareness and draws connections between self, learning, and personal and professional development relative to the field of study	Does not demonstrate self-awareness and draw connections between self, learning, and personal and professional development relative to the field of study	30
<b>Timeliness</b>	Submits post on time	Does not submit post on time	5
<b>Writing Mechanics</b>	Post is easily understood, clear, and concise using proper citation methods where applicable with minimal errors in citations	Post is not understandable due to significant errors and does not use proper citation methods where applicable	5
<b>Earned Total</b>			<b>100%</b>