

**Forum Grading Rubric  
Response to Peer postings**

Criteria	Expert	Proficient	Competent	Substantial Areas for Improvement	Unsatisfactory
<b>Responses to Peer Postings 1</b> Information in the posting is accurate, relevant to the selected peer postings with additional source.	Content posted exceeds designated length with at least 2 additional appropriate sources not utilized in original posting.  (32 points)	Content posted meets appropriate length requirement with 1 additional appropriate source not utilized in original posting.  (29 points)	Content posted minimally addressed peers comments. Length of posting is appropriate in length with 1 additional appropriate source not utilized in original posting.  (26 points)	Content posted minimally addressed peers comments. Length of posting is not appropriate in length; 1 source utilized in original posting used  (23 points)	Content posted does not address peers comments. Length of posting is not appropriate in length; no source utilized  (20 points)
<b>Responses to Peer Postings 2</b> Information in the posting is accurate, relevant to the selected peer postings with additional source.	Content posted exceeds designated length with at least 2 additional appropriate sources not utilized in original posting.  (32 points)	Content posted meets appropriate length requirement with 1 additional appropriate source not utilized in original posting.  (29 points)	Content posted minimally addressed peers comments. Length of posting is appropriate in length with 1 additional appropriate source not utilized in original posting.  (26 points)	Content posted minimally addressed peers comments. Length of posting is not appropriate in length; 1 source utilized in original posting used  (23 points)	Content posted does not address peers comments. Length of posting is not appropriate in length; no source utilized  (20 points)
<b>Scholarly Presentation</b> Writing style allows for clear communication of thoughts through logical presentation of ideas with correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Posting meets stated minimum/maximum word requirement.	Thoughts are logically organized at the paragraph level without errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation. Posting meets word requirement.  (25 points)	Thoughts are logically organized at the paragraph level with no more than 1 errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation. Posting meets word requirement.  (23 points)	Thoughts are logically organized at the paragraph level with no more than 2 errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation. Posting meets word requirement.  (20 points)	Thoughts show minimal organization with no more than 3 errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation. Posting does not meet word requirement.  (18 points)	Thoughts show no logical organization in the paragraph. Posting does not meet word requirement. Posting contains in excess of 4 errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation.  (15 points)
<b>APA Style Citations/References</b> Posting is supported by proper citation and use of references following APA guidelines. Points will not be deducted for spacing and italics in the reference list on the discussion forum.	APA format used for all citations and reference listings with no errors.  (11 points)	No more than 3 APA formatting errors noted.  (9 points)	4 to 5 APA formatting errors noted.  (8 points)	6 to 7 APA formatting errors noted.  (6 points)	More than 7 APA errors noted in both citations and reference listings.  (5 points)

**PLAGIARISM:** Plagiarism is considered cheating and is a violation of academic integrity as outlined in the Student Handbook. Any student who plagiarizes any portion of the assignment may receive a grade of zero on the assignment.

**LATE ASSIGNMENTS:** Unless prior faculty notification and negotiation of an extended deadline, ten points will be deducted per day if submitted late. Assignment will not be accepted if submitted more than 3 days late and assigned grade will be 0 (zero).