
SAMPLE GRADING RUBRIC FOR ONLINE DISCUSSION POSTS

Source: Solan, AM, and N Linardopoulos. 2011. Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Grading Rubric for Online Discussions. *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching* 4(4).

http://jolt.merlot.org/vol7no4/linardopoulos_1211.htm

Quantity (25%):

100% (25 points)	75% (19 points)	25% (6 points)	0% (0 points)
Student has submitted one substantive original post responding <i>fully</i> to the question or topic. Student has submitted at least one substantive reply to a classmate's post. Total word count for the unit is at least 250 words (at least 5 minutes for audio posts).	Student has submitted one substantive original post responding <i>fully</i> to the question or topic. Total word count for the unit is at least 200 words (at least 4 minutes for audio posts). Student does not submit a reply to a classmate's post.	Student has submitted one substantive reply to a classmate's post. Total word count for the unit is at least 50 words (at least 1 minute for audio posts). Student does not submit an original post.	No discussion posts are submitted.

Quality (25%):

100% (25 points)	80% (20 points)	60% (15 points)	0% (0 points)
Student's original post demonstrates substantial evidence of critical thinking about the topic through, for example, application or creativity. Student's reply post(s) take the discussion in a new direction.	Student's original post demonstrates moderate evidence of critical thinking about the topic through, for example, application or creativity. Student's reply post(s) take the discussion in a new direction.	Student's original post demonstrates little evidence of critical thinking about the topic through, for example, application or creativity. Student's reply post(s) take the discussion in a new direction.	Student's original post demonstrates no evidence of critical thinking (for example, just stating opinion without justification). Student's reply post(s) merely agree with the classmate or merely repeat what the classmate said.

Timeliness (25%):

100% (25 pts)	90% (22.5 pts)	75% (19 pts)	60% (15 pts)	50% (12.5 pts)	40% (10 pts)
Student has submitted one original post by Sunday and has submitted one response post by Monday.	Student has submitted one original post by Sunday and has submitted one response post by Tuesday.	Student has submitted one original post by Monday and has submitted one response post by Tuesday.	Student has submitted one original post by Tuesday and has submitted one response post by Tuesday.	Student submits an original post by Tuesday, but does not submit a response post.	Student submits posts after the unit ends and within one week of the original unit's closing date.

Communication Proficiency (25%):

100% (25 points)	90% (22.5 points)	50% (12.5 points)	0% (0 points)
Written posts : Student has submitted posts with no spelling, grammar, syntax, punctuation, citation, or other writing errors. Audio posts : Student has submitted posts with no grammar errors. The posts are enunciated professionally.	Written posts : Student has submitted posts with one to five spelling, grammar, syntax, punctuation, citation, or other writing errors. Audio posts : student has submitted posts with one to five grammar or enunciation errors.	Written posts : Student has submitted posts with six to nine spelling, grammar, syntax, punctuation, citation, or other writing errors. Audio posts : student has submitted posts with six to nine grammar or enunciation errors.	Written posts : Student has submitted posts with 10 or more spelling, grammar, syntax, punctuation, citation, or other writing errors. Audio posts : student has submitted posts with 10 or more grammar or enunciation errors.
