

OST-1335 Discussions Expectations and Grading

There will be required discussions in this class.

- Before participating in a discussion, you need to read the chapters due that week in order to use critical thinking skills and apply what you learned, including references to the text.
- Points earned for each discussion are based on meeting all requirements. *If you do not meet full requirements, you will not receive the full 20 pts.* Breakdown is as follows:

Initial Response	10 pts
Reply Responses	6 pts
Writing/Grammar/Punctuation	4 pts
TOTAL	20 pts

Initial Response – 10 points

Post response of a few paragraphs answering the discussion question(s). You need to back up your response using reference to what was learned in the textbook. This demonstrates that you have read the material and can apply it.

Due Date: ***The initial response is due on Thursday of the week in which the discussion is open.*** Discussion is open from Monday at 12 a.m. through Sunday at 11:59 p.m. If initial response is posted after Thursday, 2 points will be deducted from final score.

Response to 2 Other People in Discussion – 6 points

Reply (in at least a few sentences to a paragraph) to at least 2 people in the discussion in a *substantive* way; this means that you elaborate on what someone else said by sharing your ideas, experience/examples, differing perceptions, and even asking questions back to the person or questions to the class to further the discussion.

Due Date: ***The reply responses are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday***, the last day the discussion is open.

Writing/Grammar/Punctuation – 4 points

All responses, even replies, need to be written grammatically correct such as appropriate sentence structure, capitalizing the first word of sentences, capitalizing the pronoun “I”, including the appropriate punctuation, etc. If there are errors, there will be a deduction in this part of the grade.

- A discussion will only be open from Monday through Sunday for the week in which the discussion responses are due.