

Engagement Rubric

Engagement = Preparation + Participation

Engagement	Preparation (Outside of Class)	Participation (In Class)
I am fully engaged 90 – 100 points	Exemplary Preparation I read the day's assignments carefully and critically, annotating significant passages. I actively think about links between the day's assignment and the course's essential questions. I prepare relevant notes for the day's discussion, exploring the significance and implications of the reading assignment. I complete the day's writing assignment or forum posts thoughtfully and thoroughly. I build community through my regular participation in the online forums.	Animated Participation I attend class and I speak daily, playing an active role in the class discussion. I try to advance the conversation by presenting evidence to support my ideas. I present related research, implications, or complexities in the text/situation/topic. I participate in small group discussions, keeping the discussion focused and moving forward.
I am regularly engaged 80 – 90 points	Proficient Preparation I carefully read assignments ahead of time, making note of important passages. I think about the significance and implications of the reading assignment. Sometimes I consider the course's essential questions as I prepare. I complete the day's writing assignment or forum posts.	Regular Participation I attend class daily. I speak regularly—though mainly when called upon by the professor. I occasionally advance the class discussion. Sometimes I present general evidence to support my position. I participate in small group discussions, contributing the group's task.
I am occasionally engaged 70 – 80 points	Novice Preparation I read assignments ahead of time. I sometimes think about the significance and implications of the reading assignment. I usually complete the day's writing assignment or forum posts.	Occasional Preparation I occasionally miss class. I rarely speak in class and don't contribute to advancing the class discussion. I rarely present evidence to support my position. I sometimes participate in small group discussions.
I'm not sure how to be engaged; I need some direction 60 – 70 points	Inadequate preparation Sometimes I do the reading. I don't go beyond the obvious. I often fail to complete the day's writing assignment or forum posts.	Inadequate participation My attendance is inconsistent. I participate only when prompted. I rarely participate in small group discussions.
I am disengaged Less than 60 points	No Preparation I neither read nor research before class. I don't complete the day's writing assignment or forum posts.	No Participation My attendance is inconsistent. I do not speak in class. I'm often silent in small group discussions.