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| **Discussions** |
| A successful student in online/blended education is one who takes an active role in the learning process. You are, therefore, encouraged to participate in the Discussion areas to enhance your learning experience throughout each week both before and after our class meeting.  The discussions will be graded for the following.  **Frequency**—the number and regularity of your contributions. Students are expected to log into the course **Discussions** page and post/respond to each graded discussion topic (posted by the professor or SAs) on a minimum of two different days a week.  **Quality**—the content of your contributions. Examples of quality posts include   * providing additional information to the discussion. * elaborating on previous comments from others. * Presenting explanations of concepts or methods to help fellow students. * Presenting reasons for or against a topic in a persuasive fashion. * sharing personal experiences that relate to the topic; and providing a URL and an explanation for an area you researched on the Internet.   Full credit is awarded when both high quality and required frequency are met. |