

CM220 Units 1-8 Discussion Rubric

Discussion Grading Criteria for Units 1-8	Points Possible	Points Earned
<p>Main post (content):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student responds to all questions in the Discussion prompt. • The post is on topic, original, and contributes to the quality of the discussion. • The post makes informed connections to concepts in the unit's Learning Activities that help to further exploration of the topic. • The post meets the unit's length recommendation (typically at least two well-developed paragraphs). <p>Deductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student does not respond to all questions in the Discussion prompt. • The post may only be partly on topic or may not make a significant contribution to the quality of the discussion. • The post does not make informed connections to concepts from the unit's Learning Activities. • The post does not meet the stated length requirements. • The post may be largely unoriginal. <p>No credit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No main post. • Plagiarized posts will result in an automatic "0" for the unit discussion grade. 	26	
<p>Grammar/mechanics/style/citations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses are clearly written in Standard English (SE), and student uses a style appropriate for academic discourse. • Responses are mainly free of spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure errors. • If sources are used, student includes signal phrases or APA citations. <p>Deductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses may have errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. • The style may not be appropriate for academic discourse (not in SE, slang, texting abbreviations, etc.). • Responses do not credit sources using signal phrases or citations. 	4	

<p>Contributions to discussion (engagement):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to classmates' posts are thoughtful and on-topic, advancing the discussion. • Student shows evidence of active engagement in the discussion (e.g., asking and responding to questions, posting on more than one day of the unit) • Student makes at least the required number of responses to classmates' initial posts (two). <p>Deductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student may not respond to two classmates' initial posts. • Responses do not sufficiently advance the discussion in a substantive manner. • Student does not show an active engagement in the discussion. • Responses may be off-topic. <p>No credit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No responses to classmates or instructor. • Responses that are abusive or inappropriate will result in an automatic "0" for the unit's discussion grade. 	10	
<p>Plagiarism is a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy. Discussion posts that are plagiarized will receive a "0."</p>		
<p>Comments:</p>	40	