

SC200 | Discussion Guidelines

Participating in Discussion does not necessarily mean posting dozens of times or showing everyone what you know or that you have studied all night. Good discussion participation involves people trying to build on comments from others, and on showing appreciation for others' contributions. Discussion also involves inviting others to say more about what they are thinking. Below are some specific behavioral examples of strong participation:

- Ask a question or make a comment showing you are interested in another person's post and encouraging him or her to elaborate.
- Post a resource (a reading, Web link, video, quote, etc.) not covered in the Syllabus but adding new information or valuable perspectives to our learning.
- Make a comment underscoring the link between two people's posts and make this link explicit in your comment.
- Make a comment indicating why you found another person's ideas interesting or useful. Be specific as to why this was the case.
- Contribute something that builds on, or springs from, what someone else has posted. Be explicit about the way you are building on the other person's thoughts.

Please note borrowed material ([quotes, summaries, or paraphrases](#)) should make up no more than 10% of the total word count for all written Assignments in this course. All writing in all Assignments must be your own original work and in your own words.

As always, be sure to provide appropriate citations, references, and links to any information you use in this discussion. For help with APA citations, refer to the [APA Quick Reference](#).