# CM220 Discussion Rubric

## Discussion Grading Criteria for Units 1-9

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**Main post (content):**

- Student responds to all questions in the Discussion prompt.
- The post is on topic, original, and contributes to the quality of the discussion.
- Post makes informed references to unit’s Learning Activities.
- Post is at least two well-developed paragraphs.

**Deductions:**

- Student may 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 may not reference concepts from the unit’s Learning Activities.
- The post may be largely unoriginal.

**No credit:**

- No main post.
- Plagiarized posts will result in an automatic “0” for the unit discussion grade.

**Grammar/mechanics/style/citations:**

- Responses are clearly written in Standard American English (SAE), 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.

**Deductions:**

- Responses may have errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure.
- The style may not be appropriate for academic discourse (not in SAE, slang, texting abbreviations, etc.).
- Responses do not credit sources.

**Responses to classmates (content/participation):**

- Responses to classmates' posts are thoughtful and advance the discussion.
- Student shows evidence of active engagement in the discussion (e.g., asking and responding to questions)
- Student makes the required number of responses to classmates’ initial posts (two) and meets or exceeds that unit’s participation requirements.
### Deductions:
- Student may not respond to two classmates' initial posts.
- Responses do not sufficiently advance the discussion in a substantive manner.
- Responses to classmates may not show an active engagement in the discussion.
- Responses may be off-topic.

### No credit:
- No responses to classmates or instructor.
- Responses that are abusive or inappropriate will result in an automatic “0” for the unit's discussion grade.

### Comments:

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