



how are your contributions to WebBoard assessed?

Your WebBoard contributions are assessed according to three criteria: how consistently you participate, how much you engage with others in the course, and how much you engage with the discussion topics that are posted. Take a look at the rubric below to get a sense of how you'll be assessed.

SUCCESS FACTOR	BEGINNING 2 pts	DEVELOPING 3 pt	ACCOMPLISHED 4 pts	SOPHISTICATED 5 pts
participation	You don't check the discussion regularly or consistently (once a week or less). You may find yourself overwhelmed by all the new posts when you do check. You often find yourself left behind during discussions.	You check the discussion board once every day or so. You post a response for each activity. You may not put a lot of thought into your posts. Your posts may be difficult to understand or they may be long and wordy (more than two or three paragraphs).	You check the discussion board every day or so. You post a response to each topic but try to keep your responses focused and concise.	You check the discussion board more than once a day. Your responses are clear and to-the-point. You consistently help move the discussion forward.
engagement with others	You rarely respond to what other people post. Your posts are brief (often only a few words).	You sometimes respond to what other people post. You use their name when you respond. You try not to let other people's questions go unanswered. You may offer an opinion but rarely explain why.	You respond to at least one other person for each discussion topic. You let others know (politely) when you agree or disagree and you say why. You compare your thoughts with what others write and identify areas where you share common interest.	You lead the discussion consistently. You often respond to what others say and make an effort to encourage others and draw them into the discussion. You often share ideas that others hadn't considered and carry the discussion in new directions.
engagement with the topic	You may restate the question in your own words but you don't have a clear answer to the question.	You write clearly and answer the question but seem to say what others say. Your answer doesn't reflect your own understanding or experience.	You have written clearly and thoughtfully. You connect your ideas to the things you've read or researched.	You're concise and clear. You've taken the time to give a complete and thoughtful response. You suggest ideas that others haven't. You help us think about what we're studying in a new way.