

Discussion Etiquette

Discussions can be access from each learning Module or from the Discussions content menu on the left. Each discussion has its own thread so check the thread title before responding to assure you are responding to the correct Discussion Thread.

Respect others views. This is not a debate class. You are sharing your views and considering the views of others. Differing viewpoints are not personal attacks, they are just differing viewpoints. Listen and explore the situations presented to you with an open mind. Be professional and courteous. Profanity is not professional or courteous.

1) Thoughtful and Complete:

Each week discussion questions will be posted. Post your reaction to this thread by Thursday, 11:55pm each week. Your response should be at least 50-100 words. Your response should explore and analyze the situation incorporating textbook materials and any additional research you have done on the topic. Add your personal opinion. **Cite** resources used to answer the questions.

2) Respond to Other Students:

After you have posted your response, read the responses of the other students. After Thursday and before Sunday, 11:55pm, respond to 2, or more, other students. Responses should be at least three sentences and add insight to the topic. Comments like: "I agree with you" or "You gave a good response", are not substantial and will not count as a response. Explain why you agree or disagree, adding any additional ideas that have occurred to you. Robust discussions solidify the concepts we are studying.

3) Stay on topic: For outside topics, use the Ann's Office discussion area.

Grading Discussion Responses: Unless otherwise noted; all discussions are worth 15 points. 5 Points for your initial reaction to the discussion. 10 Points each for your response to others. Receiving full points depends on the depth of your exploration of the topic. Points will be deducted for grammar and spelling errors. Use full sentences and watch your spelling.