Sample Grading Rubric for Forum Discussions

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| **Criteria** | **0 points** | **1 points** | **2 - 3 points** | **4 - 5 points** |
| **Initial Posting Content** | No posting is made in response to the posed question.Post is inappropriate and subsequently removed by professor. | Response attempts to answer the question is not specific or is vague.Appears somewhat off-topic and/or does not address the main point. | Response addresses the question with thought and clarity. Applies content and material from the course readings and/or lecture content in the response.  | Response addresses questions with thought, clarity and analysis, showing depth of understanding through application of module content: i.e. from reading material and/or lecture content.Applies concepts outside of course content which relate to question demonstrating thoughtful analysis through the use of appropriate examples.  |
| **Follow-up Posts** | Makes 0 posts | Makes 1 posting. Responses are one or two sentences in length.  | Responds to initial question **and** responds to **one** or more classmates by Saturday.One or more postings include references to class content, either readings or lecture content.  | Responds to questions **and** responds to one, two or more classmates with thoughtful and supportive responses by Saturday or earlier.One or more postings include references to class content AND related content from outside sources.Promotes further discussion and thought by asking questions of fellow classmates.One or more posts written in response to a classmate is a minimum of 100 words |
| **Word Count** | Word count for initial post is less than 75 words | Word count for initial post is between 75 and 150 words. | Word count for initial post is between 151 and 250 words. | Word count for initial post is 251 words or more. |
| **Timing** | Does not respond | Responds by Saturday or later in the module week. | Responds by Saturday or earlier in the module week. | Responds by Friday or earlier in the module week |