

School of General Education

Discussion Rubric(s)

SS236: American Government

Unless otherwise noted, there is one or more Discussion topic each week. You will find a detailed description of the week's Discussion topics under each of the units in the course.

Grade	Grading Criteria
A: 36-40 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes one primary response for all Discussion topics with at least 1 reference to the unit materials, text, or other academic source.• Responses are on topic, original, and contribute to the quality of the Discussion.• Responses make frequent, clearly written, informed references to unit material.• Responses meet posted length requirements.• Two or more responses per thread to classmates that are thoughtful and advance the discussion.
B: 32-35 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes one primary response for all Discussion topics with at least 1 reference to the unit materials, text, or other academic source.• Responses are on topic, largely original, and contribute to the quality of the Discussion.• Responses make some informed references to unit material.• Responses are generally clearly written.• Responses meet posted length requirements.• One or more responses to classmate(s) per thread that is thoughtful and advances the Discussion.
C: 28-31 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes one primary post for all Discussion topics.• Responses are on topic, but lack originality, and lack a significant contribution to the quality of the Discussion.• Responses make vague or summary references to unit material.• Responses do not meet posted length requirements.• One - two response(s) to others does not advance the Discussion.
D: 24-27 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes one primary post for all Discussion topics.• Responses are only partially on topic, lack originality, and lack a significant contribution to the quality of the Discussion.• Responses make little or no references to unit material.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses do not meet posted length requirements. • No response to classmates or to all questions.
F: 0 – 23 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses are off topic, lack originality, and lack any contribution to the quality of the Discussion. • Responses make little or no references to unit material. • Response is inappropriate (will result in 0 points automatically). • Response is plagiarized (will result in 0 points automatically). • Primary Post is missing. No responses to classmates.