

Discussion Forums

Participation in discussion forums furthers your understanding of course material.

Discussion forums are visible to your tutor and all others enrolled in the course. Some courses attribute marks for discussion forum participation.

Discussion forums ...

- are short pieces of writing on a specified topic or question posed by your tutor
- include responses to other students' discussion forum entries, with the purpose of extending the discussion
- contain points that are justified using academic sources, with accurate APA citation and referencing
- may help you prepare for and gather ideas for a larger piece of writing (e.g., essay, report, or case study)

Essential

- correct grammar
- correct spelling
- logical, structured writing
- points justified using appropriate sources
- adds to the discussion
- meaningful subject lines
- your own work, using paraphrasing and quoting as appropriate



Not OK

- copy and paste from other sources (academic integrity rules apply)
- uploading a link rather than submitting your own writing
- informal language (e.g., emoticons, text language, slang, etc.)
- disrespect for others' viewpoint



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