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EXPLANATION OF PARTICIPATION GRADE

In this course, 30 percent of a participant's final grade is based on participation in class discussions via the discussion board. Each week, you will be required to submit one original posting in reaction to the week's Question. You are also required to submit at least two thoughtful responses to your classmates' postings each week. This is a total of at least three postings per week.

An explanation of how your participation grade will be calculated is below.

A-Level Participation (30 points)

- You consistently offered insightful comments and questions that prompted relevant discussion.
- You consistently helped clarify or build on other group members' ideas.
- If disagreeing with another group members' ideas, you stated your disagreement or objections clearly, yet politely.

B-Level Participation (25 points)

Same as A-level participation, except that:

- You were usually lacking in one or two of the items listed for A-level participation.
- You usually, but not always, expressed yourself clearly.

C-Level Participation (21 points)

Same as B-level participation, except that:

- You were usually lacking in two or more of the items listed for A-level participation.
- You submitted two, rather than 3 postings, more than once.
- You rarely expressed yourself clearly in your writing.

D-Level Participation (19 points)

The following can cause a student to receive a D-level class participation grade, even if the student's participation otherwise conforms to a higher level on the scale:

- You frequently attempted (success is irrelevant) to draw the discussion off-topic.
- You submitted one, rather than 3 postings, more than once.

F-Level Participation (12 points)

Any of the following can cause a student to receive an F-level class

participation grade, even if the student's participation otherwise conforms to a higher level on the scale:

- The student was rude or abusive to other course participants.
- The student consistently failed or refused to participate at all, even when specifically prompted or questioned.

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