IT 100 Discussion Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: Your active participation in the discussion forums is essential to your overall success this term. Discussion questions are designed to help you make meaningful connections between the course content and the larger concepts and goals of the course. These discussions offer you the opportunity to express your own thoughts, ask questions for clarification, and gain insight from your classmates' responses and instructor's guidance.

Requirements: For each discussion assignment, you are required to post **one** initial post and to follow up with at least **two** response posts.

For your initial post (1), you must do the following:
- Compose a post of 1 to 2 paragraphs.
- In Module One, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Take into consideration material such as course content, TestOut assignments, and other discussion boards from the current module and previous modules, when appropriate.

For your response posts (2), you must do the following:
- Reply to at least two different classmates outside of your own initial post thread.
- In Module One, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete the two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Demonstrate more depth and thought than simply stating, "I agree" or "You are wrong." Guidance is provided for you in each discussion prompt.

Rubric

Instructor Feedback: This activity uses an integrated rubric in Blackboard. Students can view instructor feedback in the Grade Center. For more information, review these instructions.

Critical Elements	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Not Evident	Value
Comprehension	Develops an initial post with an organized, clear point of view or idea using rich and significant detail (100%)	Develops an initial post with a point of view or idea using adequate organization and detail (85%)	Develops an initial post with a point of view or idea but with some gaps in organization and detail (55%)	Does not develop an initial post with an organized point of view or idea (0%)	40
Timeliness		Submits initial post on time (100%)	Submits initial post one day late (55%)	Submits initial post two or more days late (0%)	10

Engagement	Provides relevant and meaningful response posts with clarifying explanation and detail (100%)	Provides relevant response posts with some explanation and detail (85%)	Provides somewhat relevant response posts with some explanation and detail (55%)	Provides response posts that are generic with little explanation or detail (0%)	30
Writing (Mechanics)	Writes posts that are easily understood, clear, and concise (100%)	Writes posts that are easily understood (85%)	Writes posts that are understandable (55%)	Writes posts that others are not able to understand (0%)	20
				Total	**100%**