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Psychology Undergraduate Discussion Rubric

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Overview

Your active participation in the discussions is essential to your overall success this term. Discussion questions will help you make meaningful connections between the course content and relevant programmatic themes. These discussions give you a chance to express your own thoughts, ask questions, and gain insight from your peers and instructor.

Directions

For each discussion, you must create one initial post and follow up with at least two response posts.

For your initial post, do the following:

- Write a post of 1 to 2 paragraphs.
- In Module One, complete your initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete your initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Consider content from other parts of the course where appropriate. Use proper citation methods for your discipline when referencing scholarly or popular sources.

For your **response posts**, do the following:

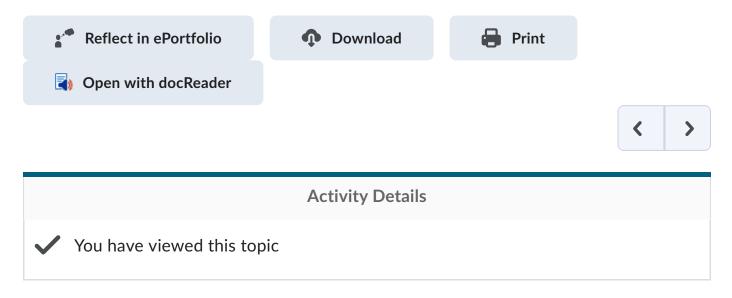
- Reply to at least two classmates outside of your own initial post thread.
- In Module One, complete your two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete your two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Demonstrate more depth and thought than saying things like "I agree" or "You are wrong." Guidance is provided for you in the discussion prompt.

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Not Evident	Value
Contribution to the Learning Community	Initial post actively stimulates the discussion and growth of learning within the community by initiating	Initial post contributes to the learning community by initiating dialogue; posts reflect a clear point of view	Initial post somewhat contributes to the learning community, with an attempt to initiate dialogue:	Initial post does not contribute to the learning community, with no attempt to initiate dialogue; post does not	25

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Professional	community (100%) Posts are clear and	Posts are clear and	Posts are	Posts lack clarity,	20
Advancement of Discussion	Response posts significantly add to the learning community and advance the discussion by building upon peers' initial posts; posts integrate multiple views from other learners and sources, views are applicable to content and professional practice, and they extend learning within the	Response posts add to the learning community and advance the discussion; posts integrate views from other learners and sources (85%)	One or more response posts attempt to add to the learning community and provide content that somewhat advances the discussion (55%)	One or more response posts do not add value to the learning community and fail to advance the discussion (0%)	15
Relevance to Programmatic Themes: Self-Care, Social Justice, Emotional Intelligence, Career Connections, Ethics	Initial post integrates multiple applicable programmatic themes and elaborates on how each theme relates to the discussion topic (100%)	Initial post elaborates on how one or more applicable programmatic themes relate to the discussion topic (85%)	Initial post attempts to integrate one or more applicable programmatic themes, which may relate to the discussion topic (55%)	Initial post does not integrate one or more applicable programmatic themes (0%)	25
	constructive dialogue; posts reflect a clear focused point of view pertaining to subject matter that is supported by credible resources and is designed to motivate the group's professional dialogue (100%)	and are supported by credible resources (85%)	posts may reflect some challenges in communicating a clear point of view that may not be supported by credible resources (55%)	reflect a clear point of view that is supported by credible resources (0%)	

Communication	concise, and	concise, and	understandable,	contain numerous	
	demonstrate	demonstrate	and use proper	grammar and	
	respect and	respect and	APA citation	syntax errors,	
	awareness of	awareness of	methods where	and/or do not use	
	peers' viewpoints;	peers' viewpoints;	applicable, with a	proper APA	
	proper APA	proper APA	number of errors	citation methods	
	citation methods	citation methods	in citation,	where applicable	
	used where	used where	grammar, and	(0%)	
	applicable, with	applicable, with	syntax (55%)		
	minor errors in	few errors in			
	citations (100%)	citations, grammar,			
		and syntax (85%)			
Timeliness	N/A	Submits initial post on time (100%)	Submits initial post one day late (55%)	Submits initial post two or more days late (0%)	15
Total:					



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