Senior Seminar

CM4900 – (online section) Discussion Rubric

This course focuses on discussion. You have two opportunities to participate in discussioning to earn points.

**Question Posting Sets** (you will have 6ix opportunities but only 5 sets of questions are counted). Each question posting set is worth 10 points each. So you can earn up to 50 points.

**Rubric for Question Posting Sets**:

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| Up to 5 points | Up to 5 points |
| 1. Post three complete questions.
2. Questions should reflect the reading (and be relevant to the reading)
 | 1. The questions are not already answered in the reading.
2. The questions are complete and clearly stated. Sometimes you might need to preface your question with a statement in order to be clear about what you mean. Make sure to be thorough.
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**Participation Response Discussion Forum**

As indicated in the syllabus, you will enter into a Participation Response Discussion forum where you post a response either to the reading or to some questions that you read in the Question Posting Sets (this is indicated in the syllabus which is appropriate). Your first posting in this discussion forum is worth 9 points. Then you should respond to two others in that same discussion forum. Each response is worth 3 points each. This means that for each Participation response posting, you can earn up to 15 points. There are ten of these, and the total potential points you can earn is 150 points.

You should note to yourself that you should be participating in two different forums. One is just to post three questions (that is the first description in this document). The Second one is to have three separate postings in the Participation response Discussion Forum.

This will develop a rhythm of its own after a couple of week but to be sure not to miss a posting, mark these postings deadlines (they are in the syllabus and in moodle) in your calendar. I will also remind you in Moodle as well.

**Rubric**:

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| Up to 9 points for first Participation Response posting | Up to 3 points for each response to two others (two different discussion participants) |
| 1. Must reflect you did the reading
2. Must refer to something concrete in the reading
3. Must be clear. Typical postings should be at least three sentences or more.
4. Should include content from the reading AND your opinion about that content
 | Responses should be quality and substantial. Just saying you agree with someone will not be considered a response. Use reference to the reading as well as personal experience or opinion. Make sure to explain your thoughts clearly. Sometimes these responses can be even longer than your original 9 point participation response. |