**Discussion Board Forum Thread Grading Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Levels of Achievement** | | | |
| **Content [28 points]** | **Advanced** | **Proficient** | **Developing** | **Not present** |
| **Key Components** | **11 to 12 points**  All key components of the Discussion Board Forum prompt are answered in the thread providing a thoughtful analysis (analyzing implications, and comparing/contrasting concepts). | **8 to 10 points**  Most of the key components of the Discussion Board Forum prompt are answered in the thread providing a thoughtful analysis (analyzing implications, and comparing/contrasting concepts). | **1 to 7points**  Less than 50% of the key components of the Discussion Board Forum prompt are answered in the thread and/or an analysis is included without sufficiently considering relevant implications and/or does not adequately/accurately provide a comparison of the relevant concepts. | **0 points**  The key components of the Discussion Board Forum prompt are not answered in the thread. |
| **Major Points** | **8 points**  At least 3 pertinent examples are included (conceptual and/or personal). | **6 to 7 points**  At least 2 pertinent examples are included (conceptual and/or personal). | **1 to 5 points**  Only 1 pertinent example is included (conceptual and/or personal). | **0 points**  No examples are included (conceptual and/or personal). |
| **Research Support** | **8 points**  All of the following required sources are included in the thread:   * The required course textbook * Biblical integration * At least 2 scholarly sources | **6 to 7 points**  One of the following required sources are missing in the thread:   * The required course textbook * Biblical integration * Scholarly source #1 * Scholarly source #2 | **1 to 5 points**  Two-three of the following required sources are missing in the thread:   * The required course textbook * Biblical integration * Scholarly source #1 * Scholarly source #2 | **0 points**  Three or more of the following required sources are missing from the thread:   * The required course textbook * Biblical integration * Scholarly source #1 * Scholarly source #2 |
| **Structure [12 points]** | **Advanced** | **Proficient** | **Developing** | **Not present** |
| **Spelling & Grammar** | **4 points**  There are no spelling or grammatical errors in the thread. | **3 points**  There are 1-2 spelling or grammatical errors in the thread. | **1 to 2 points**  There are 3-6 spelling or grammatical errors in the thread. | **0 points**  There are at least 7 spelling or grammatical errors in the thread. |
| **Word Count** | **4 points**  300-500 words are included. | **3 points**  250-299 words are included. | **1 to 2 points**  200-249 words are included. | **0 points**  Less than 200 words are included. |
| **APA** | **4 points**  There are no APA errors in the thread. | **3 points**  There are 1-2 APA errors in the thread. | **1 to 2 points**  There are 3-4 APA errors in the thread. | **0 points**  There are at least 5 APA errors in the thread. |