



**BUSN 1240 OFFICE PROCEDURES
COURSE SYLLABUS
Online
Fall Semester 2020**

COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/3000

Campus/Class Location: Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC)/Blackboard

Class Meets: Via Internet for 15 weeks

Course Reference Number (CRN): 20008

Preferred Method of Contact: email lwhitfield@southeasterntech.edu

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE (STC) CATALOG AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

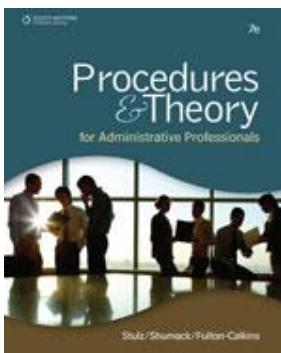
Students are responsible for all policies and procedures and all other information included in Southeastern Technical College's [Catalog and Student Handbook \(http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php).

REQUIRED TEXT

Cengage Unlimited Printed Access Card

Semester Access (4 months) with ISBN: 978-0-357-70003-7. You can also purchase the one year or two year access card if you wish to do so. The Cengage Unlimited Printed Access Card is available at the Southeastern Technical College Bookstore stcbookstore@southeasterntech.edu or 912-538-3129 or online.

If you do not choose to purchase the Cengage Unlimited Printed Access Card, the book information is Procedures and Theory for Administrative Professionals, 7th edition, Stulz, Karin M., CENGAGE Learning/South-Western, ISBN: 978-1-111-57586-1.



REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE

For this online class, there are no specific supplies required. Students are required to use Microsoft Word for assignments.

Note: Although students can use their smart phones and tablets to access their online course(s), exams, discussions, assignments, and other graded activities should be performed on a personal computer. Neither Blackboard nor Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC) provide technical support for issues relating to the use of a smart phone or tablet so students are advised to not rely on these devices to take an online course.

Students should not share login credentials with others and should change passwords periodically to maintain security.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Emphasizes essential skills required for the business office.

MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES

Topics include: office protocol, time management, telecommunications and telephone techniques, office equipment, workplace mail, records management, travel/meeting arrangements, electronic mail, and workplace documents.

PREREQUISITE(S)

COMP 1000-Introduction to Computers or Guided Elective

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Office Protocol
2. Time Management
3. Telecommunications and Telephone Techniques
4. Office Equipment
5. Workplace Mail
6. Records Management
7. Travel and Meeting Arrangements

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

Southeastern Technical College has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS (ONLINE)

Students are expected to complete all work required by the instructor and to attend the required proctored campus exam. Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at midnight on Monday of each week. Assignments must be keyed in Microsoft Word, saved, uploaded, and attached for grading in Blackboard. A grade of zero will automatically be assigned for any work submitted past the due date.

Students are expected to prove weekly academic engagement by meeting assignment deadlines each week and spending a minimum of 50 hours during the semester doing the required homework, quizzes, and tests. Students are expected to communicate frequently through college email and discussion boards. College email

is accessed at <https://portal.office.com>, under Quick links on our webpage, or in the menu of your Blackboard course.

COVID-19 MASK REQUIREMENT

Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times while on the campus of Southeastern Technical College. This measure is being implemented to reduce COVID-19 related health risks for everyone engaged in the educational process. Masks or face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A student's refusal to wear a mask or face covering will be considered a classroom disruption and the student may be asked to leave campus and/or receive further discipline.

COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

We encourage individuals to monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming on campus.

If you have experienced the symptoms listed below or have a body temperature 100.4°F or higher, we encourage you to self-quarantine at home and contact a primary care physician's office, local urgent care facility, or health department for further direction. Please notify your instructor(s) by email and do not come on campus for any reason.

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
Fever or felt feverish
Cough: new or worsening, not attributed to another health condition
Shortness of breath, not attributed to another health condition
New loss of taste or smell
Chills; Repeated shaking with chills
Sore throat, not attributed to another health condition
Muscle pain, not attributed to another health condition or exercise
Headache, not attributed to another health condition
Diarrhea (unless due to known cause)
In the past 14 days, if you:
Have had close contact with or are caring for an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 at home (not in healthcare setting), please do not come on campus and contact your instructor (s).

COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Students taking classes on campus, who test positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, are required to self-report using the [COVID 19 Health Reporting Form](#). Report all positive cases of COVID-19 to your instructor and [Stephannie Waters](#), Exposure Control Coordinator, swaters@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3195.

ONLINE ATTENDANCE

It is the student's responsibility to be academically engaged each week doing course related activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an "F" (Failing 0-59) in a course.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at midnight on Monday of each week. Exceptions to the due dates of assignments due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact the appropriate campus coordinator to request services.

Swainsboro Campus: [Macy Gay \(mgay@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:mgay@southeasterntech.edu), 478-289-2274, Building 1, Room 1210

Vidalia Campus: [Helen Thomas \(hthomas@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu), 912-538-3126, Building A, Room 165

SPECIFIC ABSENCES

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

PREGNANCY

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please make arrangements with the appropriate campus coordinator.

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It is strongly encouraged that requests for consideration be made **PRIOR** to delivery and early enough in the pregnancy to ensure that all the required documentation is secured before the absence occurs. Requests made after delivery MAY NOT be accommodated. The coordinator will contact your instructor to discuss accommodations when all required documentation has been received. The instructor will then discuss a plan with you to make up missed assignments.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" (Withdrawn) is assigned for the course(s) when the student completes the withdrawal form.

Important – Student-initiated withdrawals are not allowed after the 65% point. After the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled, the student has earned the right to a letter grade and will receive a grade for the course. Please note: Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) being assigned.

Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course, does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. A grade of "W" will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

PROCTORED EVENT REQUIREMENT

Due to the uncertainties of COVID-19, this event will not be proctored for Fall Semester 202112. Students will complete the event, but will not be required to come on campus to do it.

The event may be a major exam, assignment, or presentation, etc. that will count a minimum of 20% of the course grade. Students who do not complete the event as scheduled must submit a valid documented excuse

within three business days after the scheduled event. If the excuse is approved by the instructor of the course, students must make arrangements with the instructor to makeup/reschedule the missed event. The penalty and makeup instructions will be at the instructor's discretion. Events will be given after the 65% point of the semester. **Students who do not complete the event on the scheduled date and do not present a valid documented excuse within three business days of the scheduled event will be withdrawn from the course with a "WF" (Withdrawn Failing). If the event is scheduled during final exams, any student who misses the event will be issued an "F" (Failing) for the course.**

MAKEUP GUIDELINES (TESTS, QUIZZES, HOMEWORK, PROJECTS, ETC.)

Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at midnight on Monday of each week. Failure to take chapter tests will result in a grade of zero. No makeup exams are allowed. If Internet or browser failure occurs while taking an exam, contact instructor immediately. A decision will be made at that time if the exam will be reset. The instructor reserves the right to deduct points from exam scores for exceeding the scheduled time limit on the exams and/or requiring student to come to campus to take the exam. **ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE FOR THIS CLASS. THIS INCLUDES BOOK WORK, DISCUSSION BOARDS, AND/OR TESTS. IF WORK IS NOT COMPLETED BY THE DUE DATES, A GRADE OF ZERO WILL BE GIVEN. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

The Southeastern Technical College Academic Dishonesty Policy states that all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the Southeastern Technical College Catalog and Student Handbook.

PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

1. First Offense

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

2. Second Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

3. Third Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of third offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, federally financed programs, educational programs and activities involving admissions, scholarships and loans, student

life, and athletics. It also applies to the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

All work and campus environments shall be free from unlawful forms of discrimination, harassment and retaliation as outlined under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, Executive Order 11246, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Equal Pay Act, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the Georgia Fair Employment Act of 1978, as amended, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and other related mandates under TCSG Policy, federal or state statutes.

The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

<p>American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer</p>
<p>Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1st Street, Vidalia Office 165 Phone: 912-538-3126 Email: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu</p>	<p>Lanie Jonas, Director of Human Resources Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1st Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3230 Email: Lanie Jonas ljonas@southeasterntech.edu</p>

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Southeastern Technical College is committed to making course content accessible to individuals to comply with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you find a problem that prevents access, please contact the course instructor.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on Southeastern Technical College’s website.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [Southeastern Technical College Website \(www.southeasterntech.edu\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu).

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.

GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Chapter Assignments	40%
Chapter Tests	30%
Discussion Boards	10%
Proctored Exam	20%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

BUSN 1240 Office Procedures
Fall Semester 2020 Lesson Plan

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Monday August 17		First Day of Class	<p>Orientation Assignments: Select Getting Started on the course menu in the Blackboard course to complete the Orientation Assignments, Pledge Acknowledgment Quiz, and Student Introduction.</p> <p>You will need to complete the Blackboard Online Orientation along with the Online Orientation Quiz.</p> <p>Make contact with instructor via email for attendance to ensure intent on completing the course.</p> <p>Due August 19 midnight</p>	
Week 1	Chapter 1	<p>Part 1: The Dynamic Workplace</p> <p>Chapter 1: The Workplace-Constantly Changing</p>	<p>Read Chapter 1 Communicate Successfully 2 Page 23 Develop Workplace Skills 4 Page 23 Discussion Board 1 Chapter 1 Test Chapter 1 assignments due Monday, August 24, midnight</p>	<p>1 a,c</p>

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 2	Chapter 2	Chapter 2: Your Professional Image	Read Chapter 2 Develop Workplace Skills 4 Page 45 Develop Workplace Skills 5 Page 46 Chapter 2 Test Chapter 2 assignments due Monday, August 31, midnight	1 a,c
Week 3	Chapter 3	Chapter 3: Workplace Teams Holiday Monday, September 7	Read Chapter 3 Creativity/Innovation Activity Page 62 (no team work necessary) Build Relationships 7 Page 66 Discussion Board 2 Chapter 3 Test Chapter 3 assignments due Monday, September 7, midnight	1,2 a,c
Week 4	Chapter 4	Part 2: Workforce Behaviors Chapter 4: Self-Management	Read Chapter 4 Put It To Work Page 89 Develop Workplace Skills 4 Page 90 Chapter 4 Test Chapter 4 assignments due Monday, September 14, midnight	1,2 a,c
Week 5	Chapter 5	Chapter 5: Ethical Theories and Behaviors	Read Chapter 5 Develop Workplace Skills 7 Page 110 Build Relationships 9 Page 111 Discussion Board 3 Chapter 5 Test Chapter 5 assignments due Monday, September 21, midnight	1 a,c

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6: Leadership	Read Chapter 6 Develop Workplace Skills 5 Page 128 Build Relationships 8 Pages 128-129 Chapter 6 Test Chapter 6 assignments due Monday, September 28, midnight	1 a,c
Week 7	Chapter 7	Chapter 7: Customer Service	Read Chapter 7 Communicate Successfully 3 Page 147 Develop Workplace Skills 8 Pages 147-148 Discussion Board 4 Chapter 7 Test Chapter 7 assignments due Monday, October 5, midnight	1,3 a,c
Week 8	Chapter 8	Part 3: Communication Essentials Chapter 8: Written Communication	Read Chapter 8 Communicate Successfully 3 Page 177 Develop Workplace Skills 5 Page 177 Chapter 8 Test Chapter 8 assignments due Monday, October 12, midnight	1,3 a,c
Week 9	Chapter 9	Chapter 9: Verbal Communication and Presentations	Read Chapter 9 Communicate Successfully 2 Page 206 Develop Workplace Skills 5 Page 207 Discussion Board 5 Chapter 9 Test Chapter 9 assignments due Monday, October 19, midnight	1,3 a,c
Week 10	Chapter 10	Chapter 10: Global Communication—Technology and Etiquette	Read Chapter 10 Put It To Work Page 223 Communicate Successfully 2 Page 223 Chapter 10 Test Chapter 10 assignments due Monday, October 26, midnight	1,3 a,c

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 11	Chapter 11	Part 4: Records and Financial Management Chapter 11: Managing Records	Read Chapter 11 Develop Workplace Skills 7 Page 258 Chapter 11 Test Chapter 11 assignments due Monday, November 2, midnight	6 a,c
Week 12	Chapter 12 And Chapter 13	Chapter 12: Managing Electronic Records Chapter 13: Personal Finance and Investment Strategies	Read Chapter 12 Build Relationships 8 Page 279 Chapter 12 assignments due Monday, November 9, midnight Read Chapter 13 Put It To Work Page 305 Chapter 12 and 13 Test Chapter 13 assignments due Monday, November 9, midnight	6 a,b,c
Week 13	Chapter 14 And Chapter 15	Part 5: Professional Responsibilities and Growth Chapter 14: Meeting and Event Planning Chapter 15: Travel Arrangements Proctored Exam Chapters 14 and 15	Read Chapter 14 Develop Workplace Skills 6 Page 333 Chapter 14 assignments due Monday, November 16 Read Chapter 15 Develop Workplace Skills 4 Page 356 Chapter 15 assignments due Monday, November 16, midnight Proctored Exam Chapters 14 and 15 Due Monday, November 16, midnight	7 a,b,c

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 14	Chapter 16	Chapter 16: Workplace Mail and Copying	Read Chapter 16 Put It To Work Page 376 Build Relationships 7 Page 378 Chapter 16 Test Chapter 16 assignments due Monday, November 23, midnight	4,5 a,c
Week 15	Chapter 17	Chapter 17: Job Search and Advancement	Read Chapter 17 Chapter 17 Test Chapter 17 Test due Monday, November 30, midnight	4,5 a,c

COMPETENCY AREAS:

1. Office Protocol
2. Time Management
3. Telecommunications and Telephone Technique
4. Office Equipment
5. Workplace Mail
6. Records Management
7. Travel and Meeting Arrangements

GENERAL CORE EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCIES

- a) The ability to utilize standard written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
- c) The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION:

- **ASSIGNMENTS:** This lesson plan is subject to change at instructor's discretion. All assigned work from the textbook must be submitted via the assignment links in the chapter folders for grading by the due dates as indicated above. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all assignments are completed and submitted by these due dates. **LATE WORK IS NOT ACCEPTED FOR THIS CLASS. A GRADE OF ZERO WILL BE ASSIGNED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

No group work will be assigned this semester in the online class unless designated by instructor. Ignore any statements on assignments regarding group work. All assignments are to be completed individually. Always key your name and assignment number on all your work before submitting it for grading. (Example: Linda Whitfield, Chapter 1 Build Workplace Skills 3). Ten Points will be deducted automatically for failure to key name on assignments.

REFER TO THE CHAPTER FOLDERS IN THE BLACKBOARD COURSE UNDER THE CHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS LINK ON THE MENU TAB FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND REVIEWING THIS INFORMATION.

- **DISCUSSION BOARDS:** Students will complete five (5) discussion board assignments (see lesson plan above for assigned weeks) that will count as part of the final course grade. These discussions will be graded from discussion board area by instructor. The Discussion Board assignments are located under the Discussion Board link on the course menu. See discussion board grading rubric attached to syllabus on how you will be evaluated.
- **CHAPTER TESTS AND PROCTORED EXAM:** Students will take chapter tests covering the material in the textbook. Failure to take the chapter tests will result in a grade of zero. No exceptions. I encourage students not to wait until the last night to take the tests. Review the proctored exam statement on syllabus for details on exam. **ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO CAMPUS AND TAKE THE PROCTORED EXAM.**
- **EMAILS:** Make sure that you always key your name and class in the subject line of every email you send me so I know which class you are in. For Example: BUSN 1240/Linda Whitfield. **THE PREFERRED EMAIL IS YOUR STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT.**
- **CHECKING GRADES:** A grade book is made available in the Blackboard course on the Home page on the menu labeled "My Grade." This grade book is for students to review and is continuously updated throughout the semester. Students are to keep in mind that if assigned a grade of zero that these grades are not automatically counted in the current averages shown until instructor post those grades manually so averages could seem higher at the time before posting these grades. Students are responsible for knowing how to average their grades, not the instructor. The overall percentage averages should display in the grade book to help track course progress.



BUSN 1240-OFFICE PROCEDURES

(ONLINE CLASS)

GRADING SCALE INFORMATION

1. Three points will be assessed per error on assignments. Instructor reserves the right to deduct less or more depending on type of error. Ten points will automatically be deducted for not keying name on assigned work. Make sure your name and assignment information is keyed on all assignments somewhere on the document before submitting for grading....take ownership of your work!
2. If more than one assignment is given per chapter, those assignments will be averaged together to obtain your grade for that particular chapter or the week. For example, if you made a 100 on one of the assignments and a 50 on the other, then your grade for that chapter/week would be a 75.
3. Discussion Board assignments for the semester also need to be completed during the assigned weeks indicated on lesson plan. Late posts are not counted and failure to post any comments results in a grade of zero. Students are required to post at least one original post along with at least one reply each week, but more is encouraged.
4. Always proofread, spell check, and grammar check your documents before turning them in for a grade! Although this is not an English class, professionalism is a must. Points will be deducted for excessive spelling, grammar, punctuation, and document formatting errors.

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INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE GRADING SCALE AT ANY POINT DURING THE SEMESTER.

GRADING SCALE RUBRIC

Number of discussion posts	Number of discussion replies	Grade	Due Date, Length, Grammar and Spelling Requirements
1	1	100	Students who post their initial discussion board response to the discussion board topic and reply to at least one other students' post will be given a 100 on the assignment if the post is turned in by the due date, contain 4-5 sentences and free of grammatical and spelling errors. The student will receive a one point deduction for each grammatical and spelling error in both their response and reply. A 10 point deduction will be given for any response or reply that is not 4-5 sentences in length. No credit will be given for any response or reply that is an answer of "yes/no" or "I agree/disagree."
1	0	70	Any student that does not respond to at least one other students' post will not receive a grade above 70. The grade of 70 will be the highest grade that the student will be able to receive on the discussion post if the post is turned in by the due date, contain 4-5 sentences and free of grammatical errors and spelling errors. The student will receive a one point deduction for each grammatical and spelling error in their response. A 10 point deduction will be given for any response that is not 4-5 sentences in length.
0	1	50	Students who only respond to a classmate's discussion post will not receive a grade above 50. The grade of 50 will be the highest grade that the student will be able to receive on the discussion response if the response is turned in by the due date, contain 4-5 sentences and free of grammatical errors and spelling errors. The student will receive a one point deduction for each grammatical and spelling error in their reply. A 10 point deduction will be given for any reply that is not 4-5 sentences in length.
0	0	0	Students will receive a 0 on the discussion topic if the student does not post an answer or response to one other students' post by the due date.