

**Discussions start and end at midnight on Mondays.**

**Earning Points through Discussions:**

----->*Please do not use AI to write posts.*<-----

Creating a new post:

Points for submitting a post with 100 words: 400

Commenting on another user's Post:

Points for submitting a comment with 50 words: 200

Receiving a Comment from another user:

Points: 50

Receiving a Reaction from another user:

Points: 20

Maximum points per week: 1400 or 400 over the weekly target of 1000. This allows you to make up for earning less than the 1000 point target in some weeks and making up for it in other weeks.

Accolades are awarded by the instructor:

Great question -> 50 points

Thoughtful response -> 50 points

Community builder -> 50 points

Early Bird -> 50 points

Great Summary-> 50 points

Points can also be subtracted for duplicate posts or posts that are poorly written.

A duplicate comment will be penalized -350 points.

A duplicate post will be penalized -600 points.

A poorly written post will be penalized -50 to -100 points.

You should receive an average of 1000 points per week for the 15 weeks of class plus weeks where there is no class (e.g., Thanksgiving break, Spring break) for a total of 15000 points for the semester.

**Accessing Yellowdig.** You will access Yellowdig through BrightSpace. There is a link to Yellowdig under Table of Contents under the 'Contents & Activities' menu tab.

**Discussion topics are required.** When making an original post, you must select from one of the pre-populated topics, i.e., Week 1 Discussion, Week 2 Discussion, etc.

**A total of 250 points can carry over from one week to the next,** allowing flexibility in when you earn these points, for example, allowing you to earn 1350 points per week. Yellowdig does not allow me to 'turn a week off' and so you will need to earn enough points in other weeks to cover the 1000 points for the week of spring break.