# Evaluating Discussion Board Activity

**Ideas: (from—webct.com/ask\_drc/forum)**

## +1 point for every message posted

There is something to be said about a busy discussion board. Without participation there is no discussion.

## +2 points for initiating a relevant discussion thread

Some professors will have an alter-ego student used to seed the discussions and get things going. It is much preferable, however, to have students bringing new thoughts and points to the discussion.

## +2 points for posting the definitive reply to someone’s query or the primary topic on each thread

This can be awarded to more than one student (sometimes there is more than one answer).

## -2 points for wasting everyone’s time

Postings which are off topic, senseless, meaningless or arguing for the sake of arguing will cost.

## -5 points for being rude or crude in any way

Remember, the discussion board is a written forum. One should never be rude or crude, and it is not good to have such postings in the course record.

The contributor to this forum used the above for assigning 70 to 80% of the discussion mark. The rest was reserved for a subjective assessment of quality.

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