Requirements for Discussions

• You are expected to actively participate in Discussions. This means posting your response to every Unit's Discussion question(s), reading your classmates' posts, and responding to your classmates' posts in a way that shows you have thought about what they wrote.

• Each Unit that includes Discussion thread(s) will explain in those threads the question you must answer, and how many of your classmates' posts you must also reply to. When posting your answer to the question in the thread(s) you are welcome to offer more information than is required (for example, list three ideas instead of two, or describe two challenges instead of one).

• You are also encouraged to respond to more than the required number of your classmates' posts (for example, reply to three classmates instead of two). The more ideas and thoughtful responses posted and the more interaction between students, the more meaningful and interesting the learning experience will be for everyone.

• Discussion posts and responses to classmates' posts should be submitted on the day that Unit is assigned. The Discussions are designed to build on the comments of others, so timely participation allows everyone to respond on the same day and helps create better discussions and a sense of community.

• All Discussion posts and responses should have few, if any, spelling, punctuation or grammar errors. Before you submit a post, be sure to use the spell checker built into the Discussion forum, or write your post in a Microsoft Word file, use its spelling and grammar checkers, then copy your post from Word into your online Discussion forum post.

• Use as your font only either Arial or Times New Roman, and only size 2 (10pt) or size 3 (12pt)

• You must be courteous in your interactions with your instructor and classmates. Posting inappropriate or disrespectful language to a Discussion will adversely affect your grade and may result in your being put on Conduct Probation.