



Using Rubrics to Promote Meaningful Online Discussions

Here is just enough to help you begin. *Even better when supplemented by brief instruction, conversation, Web resources, etc. See Side B.*

Video intro to using rubrics to improve the quality of online discussions (5 mins) explains:

- How to survey your own approach to communication in online courses
- Methods for promoting more meaningful discussion among students within an online course

See: tlt.gs/UNCGrubrics

Preparatory Questions

- What are some unacceptable or poor levels of performance that you have experienced with online discussion postings by students?
- What were the characteristics of online discussion posts that you thought were of exceptionally high quality?
- What would be your list of criteria for a rubric for assessing online discussion?

Side A

Helpful Resources for First Steps

Rubric for Asynchronous Discussion Participation

tlt.gs/udelrubric

Discussion Rubric for Online Class

tlt.gs/uwstoutrubric

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