

ONLINE STUDENT PARTICIPATION POLICY

Successful learning online requires you to actively participate in each course. Participation in Argosy University online programs is measured by recording the posting date on which you make a substantive posting in the course. Students in bachelor's and master's level programs are required to have substantive participation, at a minimum of 3 days per week. Doctoral students are required to have substantive participation, at a minimum of 2 days per week, as defined below.

What are substantive postings? Substantive postings include:

- Responding to discussion questions as well as discourse between students related to subject matter within the course. This may include posting notes and responding to the notes of others' answers within discussion area. A response may be a question about another's work, agreement with or challenge to the point of view expressed (supported by a reference to the text or lecture), or critique of someone's work.
- Contributing to the discussion based upon course content, theory, or personal experiences, not simply personal opinions

Substantive postings do not include:

- Posting completed assignments
- Asking the faculty member or classmates a question about an assignment
- Posting a simple "I agree" comment
- Sending emails to the faculty member or classmates

You are required to read all of the notes posted in the discussion area from the faculty member and classmates. The quantity and quality of your participation in the discussion area will be graded. The participation point value is defined within each assignment; and/or as assigned by your faculty member.

Everyone's comments are important. The diversity of the experience among members of your class will enhance learning. All students will be treated equitably within the classroom. Discussion and all communications are required to be respectful. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated, and your faculty member determines what is inappropriate. Students not treating the faculty member and/or classmates with respect are subject to discipline or dismissal from the course and/or program. All activities will follow standards set forth in the Argosy University Catalog and the Student Handbook for Online Students

Participation in the discussion area must be completed by 5:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). A one-day period is defined as that period of 24 hours from 5:01 a.m. EST to 5:00 a.m. EST the following day

You are not required to participate on any specific day; however, all assignments must be posted by the due dates. You may post assignments prior to the due date during the week the assignment is due. Note: during the first week of class, you are asked to login within the first 48 hours as confirmation you intend to participate in your course.

What should you do if you are unable to participate? If you are unable to participate due to prolonged serious illness or personal emergency, you are expected to contact your faculty member as soon as possible. If you are unable to

participate due to technical problems, you are expected to notify the appropriate technical support personnel and then, notify your faculty member. You should also contact your academic advisor or your on-campus contact person (whomever is appropriate for your program) within 48 hours to discuss your situation. Failure to notify your faculty member will be considered a missed deadline. All assigned work must be completed regardless of the reason for nonparticipation.