

**LLC 644 "Methods of LLC Research"
Online Participation Portfolio**

Overview

Using the online discussion forum for this course, explore and critique the methodological approaches in the weekly assigned articles (excluding textbook readings). You will be asked to submit a 3-4 week cumulative portfolio with "participation examples" that justify a self-grade.

Requirements for full credit

- At least one example of your best participation must occur each week and illustrate different "interaction types" (below); If three people have posted on an article, move on.
- Each example must be copied and pasted into a "portfolio template" (available on the course site) that includes the date/time stamp from the discussion forum, and submitted electronically;
- The instructor reserves the right to raise/lower/accept the "self-grade" based on evidence summarized by the student or available directly on the Bb course site.

Interaction Type Examples

1. *Student-Content (SC)*
 - a. Post a few salient sentences on the topic;
 - b. Link posts to course theories, lectures or texts (synthesis & analysis);
 - c. Cite new or existing sources (not just your opinion) whenever possible.
2. *Student-Student (SS)*
 - a. Draw out a colleague's assumptions through probing follow up queries;
 - b. Dispute positions with which you do not agree, based on courteous critique of others.
 - c. Defend your position with evidence from texts, concepts or theory.
3. *Student-Group (SG)*
 - a. Provoke thought (not emotions) about a new idea or issue;
 - b. Contribute to the civil discourse or edification of the class;
 - c. Encourage participation of others.

Grading

You are free to post more than one question/comment per week to cover the range of interaction types above, but include your best example in the portfolio. Based on the following, consider how insightful your question/comment was. Do the same for your responses to other students' posts.

Requirements	A (1 pts)	B (3/4 pts)	C (1/2 pts)	D (1/4 pts)	F (0 pts)
<i>Question/Comment Interaction Types (will likely be SC)</i>	High quality post; using all aspects of a type.	Good quality post; using 2 of 3 aspects of a type.	Average quality post; using 1 aspect/type.	Poor quality post.	Not participating at all.
<i>Response Interaction Types</i>	High quality reply, one for each type (SC, SS, SG).	Good quality reply; 2 of 3 types (one is SC)	Average quality reply (one is SC)	Poor quality reply.	Not participating at all.

For group responses to your original post (there may be more, but at least three will do), use the following scale (0 to 1 points):

- 0 = If you did not elicit a response;
- 1/2 = If you elicited a poor response (because your question/comment was poor or late);
- 1 = If the minimum of three responses was met AND adequate based on grading scale.