The discussion board is provided for student communication and course questions and is a great manner in which the instructor can respond to student questions. Students’ may post questions at any time. In addition, if you have a question about course material someone else in the class probably does.

The discussion board is organized by exam with topics provided for each chapter. There is also a topic provided for general questions. All posts should be made to the appropriate topic.

Although the instructor will monitor the discussion board, please remember that I am not available 24/7. As a result, the same amount of time that is requested to respond to an email message applies to discussion board posts.

All discussion board posts should contain specific questions related to course material or assignments. Posts containing general statements are difficult to answer. Examples include: “I am so lost in this chapter, I don’t know where to start”; “Does anyone understand this material?”; “I don’t understand this assignment at all”. Examples of posts posing specific questions include: “What is recorded first, a debit or a credit?”; “Is land improvements an asset account?”; “I am having a lot of difficulty with Problem X. Is it asking us to calculate the amount of gain or loss or am I totally off track?”.

Students’ may respond to any discussion board post from another student. Please remember to be considerate and respectful with any post. If a statement, or question, would not be made in class it should not be posted on the discussion board. In addition, just like inappropriate classroom comments, inappropriate posts may be distracting to student discussions and the learning environment.

All discussion board posts should be respectful of the instructor and other students and relate to course content only. Posts disrespectful toward the instructor, other students, the course or personal matters may be deleted. These types of comments would not be tolerated in a regular classroom section will not be condoned in this course.

Students’ posting inappropriate discussion board posts will be given a warning related to their content. If a future posting is also inappropriate, the student will lose access to the course discussion board. This access will be reinstated if a meeting related to student behavior is scheduled with the advising center. Confirmation of this meeting, via email, must be received from the advising center for this access to be reinstated. In addition, please note that inappropriate discussion board posts may also result in a deduction of weekly class participation points. (Please see the guidelines related to class participation points for more information). Students have free access to the discussion board at all times. If numerous inappropriate discussion board posts are made during the semester, the instructor may change the system in D2L for posts to receive approval before they are made. Since I am not available 24/7 this may limit the access of all students to the discussion board. Please do not let this occur.