

Group Blogs

Group Blogs are meant to provide you with an opportunity to generate and facilitate discussions on topics relevant to both our class and the 308 class with the 308 students. Your group blog will consist of your assigned 601 group and approximately 15 undergraduate students from 308.

Three group blog posts will occur throughout the semester. Your group will need to create an initial post within the general topic area for the 308 students on your assigned blog. Posts should be informative and interesting. Making connections to current events and/or providing case studies often work well. You can also include your interpretation on a specific issue. You can also post specific questions for them to address in response to your original post. The intent of the assignment is for you to create meaningful and engaging discussion among the full group. You will need to follow the responses to the post throughout the week and make follow-up comments, probes and additional questions to encourage active participation from the 308 students.

Below are the dates and topics for each group blog:

Number	Topic	Start Date	End Date	Grades Due
1	Definitions of health	9/10/08	9/14/08	9/25/08
2	Health Disparities	10/15/08	10/19/08	10/23/08
3	Social vs Personal Responsibility for health	11/12/08	11/16/08	12/1/08

You will need to complete your initial post by Fridays and 308 students will be allowed to respond/comment until an hour before the next week's class (Thursday's 5 pm). Once the week's post is closed additional responses will not be counted. You will need to send participation grades to the 308 instructor by the dates noted above. Blogs will take place on the *HEA 308-601 Collaborative Organization* website.

1. On the left side bar click "Group Blogs"
2. Locate your group and click "View" under your group name
3. Click on "New Entry" in the right sidebar.
4. Write your post and click "Save."
5. Follow the discussion throughout the week, posting follow-up probes and comments to facilitate lively conversation.

You will also be responsible for assessing participation grades for 308 students. For each 308 student in your group you will need to assign a \checkmark , $\checkmark+$, $\checkmark-$ or a NP (no participation). You will then email your participation grades to the 308 Instructor. The rubric for assigning participation grades is as follows:

Grade	Criteria
NP	<p>No Posting (NP) examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HEA 308 student did not post a comment, response or question or posted for the first time on the last day. • Posted only “me too” comments.
$\checkmark-$	<p>Minimum responses that minimally met the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted comment(s) in the final days of the discussion and/or posted comments with minimum content.
\checkmark	<p>Basic response that met the basic requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted one or two thoughtful comments throughout the week but the response was not thorough and/or prompt discussion (e.g., express yourself in a manner that is inclusive).
$\checkmark+$	<p>Thorough Response that met all requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted multiple comments, mostly thoughtful and/or took the discussion in a new (and helpful) direction by asking insightful questions. • Response reflected personal reaction to classmates postings (more than stating “I agree” or simple one liners).