

IHP 340 Journal Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: Journal activities in this course are private between you and your instructor. Journal activities are designed to help you make meaningful connections between the course content and the larger goals of this course. While a certain level of informality is permitted, proper grammar, spelling, and APA citations are required. Your journal post should reflect academic rigor.

Journals in this course are graded individually.

For the journal assignments in this course, you will be relating course concepts to your own personal experiences, sharing personal opinions and viewpoints, and engaging with course concepts and materials at a deeper, more reflective level. Approach these activities as (a) an opportunity to reflect upon and apply what you learn each week, and (b) an opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise based on your educational and professional experiences in the past.

Prompt: For each journal assignment, the following critical elements must be met:

- Fulfills all requirements in the individual **prompt**
- Provides relevant application of **course concepts**
- Supports ideas and observations with examples from **personal or professional situations**

Guidelines for Submission: Each journal assignment should be 1 to 2 paragraphs in length. Submit assignment as a Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Prompt	Meets “Proficient” criteria and references course materials	Response meets all elements outlined in the prompt	Response meets only some of the elements in the prompt	Response does not meet the elements in the prompt	20
Course Concepts	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports response with course materials	Clearly relates course concepts to the applicable journal prompt	Relates course concepts to the applicable journal prompt, but response lacks clarity	Does not relate course concepts to the applicable journal prompt	30
Personal or Professional Situations	Meets “Proficient” criteria and further relates personal or professional circumstances to scholarly research	Logically supports ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences	Supports ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences, but response lacks logic	Does not support ideas and observations with examples from professional circumstances or experiences	30
Articulation of Response	Journal assignment is free of errors in organization and grammar	Journal assignment is mostly free of errors of organization and grammar and any errors are marginal and rarely interrupt the flow	Journal assignment contains errors of organization and grammar, but errors are limited enough so that assignment can be understood	Journal assignment contains errors of organization and grammar that make the assignment difficult to understand	20
Total					100%