

What is a Checkpoint?

This Checkpoint (and all the ones to follow) is intended to provide you an opportunity to let me know how the course is going for you and if you have specific questions or concerns.

You may type your response here in the linked submission box; a Word document is not necessary for Checkpoint assignments.

What kind of answer should I submit?

There is **no right or wrong answer**, truly. This is a space for you to directly communicate with me on a weekly basis about how this course is going for you.

So if all is well, there is no need for you to write a long-winded reflection on the week. In fact, **you could just type, "All is well"** if, in fact, all is going well for you and you don't have any questions or concerns.

However, if you feel lost and overwhelmed, it is fine for you to say that too. By all means, **let me know your questions or concerns** so we can get those addressed as soon as possible and work together to have a successful semester.

How will Checkpoints be graded?

- Your grade will not be affected by your feedback about how the course is going.
- Your grade will also not be affected by the length of your answer.
- The total number of possible points is 5.
- Checkpoints count at participation grades (but they do count!).
- Missing checkpoints will be given a grade of 0.

How do I post a response?

- Click the title of this item (Week One Checkpoint).
- Enter your response in the Comments box on the next screen.
- Click the "Submit" button when you are finished.

Checkpoints vs. Discussion Boards

Checkpoints are NOT the same as discussion boards. Most weeks you will be required to submit both kinds of assignments.

Here are the main differences between the two:

- Checkpoint responses are only visible to me; discussion board posts are visible to the entire
- Checkpoints relate to your personal experience with the course; discussion boards should be relevant to the assigned prompt as relates to course content; even if you are expressing your own opinion in a discussion board, that opinion should relate to the reading or specific topic.
- Both assignments are graded on a 5-point scale, but discussion board posts will be graded more closely for alignment with prompt, clarity, thoroughness, mechanics, etc.