Sample Rubric – Class Participation

Performance	Inadequate	Developing	Accomplished	Exemplary	Student
Elements & Levels	(1 point)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(4 points)	Score
Engagement & Active Participation	Student never participates in class discussion; fails to respond to direct questions	Few contributions to class discussions; seldom volunteers but responds to direct questions	Proactively contributes to class discussion; asks questions and responds to direct questions	Proactively and regularly contributes to class discussion; initiates discussion on issues related to class topic	
Listening skills	Does not listen when others talk; interrupts or makes inappropriate comments	Does not listen carefully; comments are often nonresponsive to discussion	Listens and appropriately responds to the contributions of others	Listens without interrupting and incorporates and expands on the comments of other students	
Relevance of contribution to topic under discussion	Contributions are off-topic or distract from discussion	Contributions are sometimes off-topic or distract from discussion	Contributions are always relevant	Contributions are relevant and promote deeper analysis of the topic	
Preparation	Student is not adequately prepared; does not seem to have read the assigned material before class	Student has read the material but not closely, or has read only some of the material before class	Student has read and thought about the material before class	Student is consistently well prepared; sometimes adds relevant information beyond the assigned reading	