

Public Deliberation

Description

In planning, hosting, and facilitating a public deliberation, you will take on a number of responsibilities. The tasks are multiple and will require you to take initiative, engage theories of argumentation, collaborate with your peers, and communicate with the public. You will be evaluated on your contribution, initiative, and professionalism.

Every student plays a key role in the development and execution of the community conversation. Assessment of your contributions will be broken down in three parts:

- A) **Team Work (25 points).** You will be assigned to one of 4 teams, listed. Each team will have a set of tasks assigned to them. In addition to my observation of your participation in class and your peers' assessment of the team's collaboration, you will be evaluated on the quality of the work your team produced.
 1. Deliberation Materials. This team will produce any handouts that deliberation participants receive at the events.
 2. Facilitator and Notetaker Guides. This team will produce guides for those who are facilitating the conversations and for those taking notes.
 3. Publicity. This team will coordinate with the community partner to promote the events. Tasks include writing an editorial for the local newspaper, developing a social media campaign, creating a flyer, and updating a webpage with event information.
 4. Surveys. This team will research survey questions to be asked of participants at the events. Responsibilities include determining whether a pre- and post- event survey is appropriate as well as developing an online survey for community members who could not participate in the events but want to contribute.

- B) **Events (25 points).** This component of your grade assesses your contribution at the community events themselves. Showing up, taking initiative, executing your assigned role effectively are all critical to the success of the community conversations.

- C) **Report Development (25 points).** We will work as a class to synthesize the notes taken and surveys collected at the community events in a final report to be submitted to the community partner and shared with the public. Every person will be assigned a role in creating this report (editor, writer, analyst, researcher, etc.) with a clear set of tasks. I will evaluate the accuracy and thoroughness of your work.

Rubric

	Falls Short	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Score	Possible points
TEAM WORK	Did not collaborate effectively with team, was unreliable in completion of tasks, or produced subpar product	Fairly and responsibly contributed to team tasks, ensured completion of all team's tasks, produced professional and compelling product	Assumed leadership role in executing team tasks		2!
EVENTS	Did not adequately prepare, executed role poorly, failed to show/arrived late, or behaved unprofessionally	Prepared for your assigned role, executed role effectively, showed up on time, stayed on task at event, behaved professionally	Showed initiative, played a key role in the event's success		2!
REPORT DEVELOPMENT	Did not thoroughly or accurately complete task or failed to sufficiently edit	Tasks executed accurately and professionally, sections edited effectively	Showed initiative, assumed leadership role in executing report		2!
			Total	0	7!