**CMSC101/IS101Y**

**Journal Entries Instruction Sheet**

**Fall 2013**

**Overview:**

Journaling provides a chance to stop, think, and reflect. Reflection is a powerful and necessary part of the learning process. During the course of the semester, you will respond to five journal entries.

All journal entries will be answered in Blackboard. However, some journal entries require additional activities to be completed before you answer the questions. The description of the full assignment will be posted on the course website at least one week before it is due. The link to the specific questions will also be posted to Blackboard (in the folder corresponding to the week in which the journal entry is due) at least one week before the due date.

Journal entries must be completed in Blackboard by 10AM on the day that they are due. Journal entries submitted after the 10AM deadline will be late. For example, journal entry 1 is due on Friday 9/6 no later than 10AM. The questions for JE1 will be available/visible in Blackboard by Thursday, 8/29. The link to the journal entry is located in the folder for class on 9/6.

Journal entries will be graded for content, completeness, and spelling/grammar. The evaluation rubric for each journal entry will be made available with the journaling question. You should compare a first draft of each journal response to the criteria on the rubric and make changes to improve its quality and completeness. Doing this will definitely improve your response!

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|  | Topic | Due Date |
| JE1 | StrengthsQuest | Friday, 9/6 |
| JE2 | Academic Questionnaire & Study Habits | Friday, 9/13 |
| JE3 | Teamwork Reflection | Friday, 10/11 |
| JE5 | Study Habits Reflection | Friday, 11/15 |
| JE6 | Semester Retrospective | Friday, 12/6 |