

## *Faculty Expectations*

*Each instructor will pass out a syllabus outlining his or her course, explaining how your grade will be determined and defining any classroom policies about attendance, late work, tests, etc. As an instructor, I will talk about general expectations that we have of all students in our classes. We expect you to:*

- 1) Attend: We expect you to attend the classes you are enrolled in.*
  - a) It is a myth about professors not caring if you are in class or absent, most have an attendance policy.*
  - b) Attendance is key to your academic success.*
    - i) You miss key information presented in class.*
    - ii) Your study time increases dramatically when you try to make up for what was missed in class.*
  - c) We don't care about how you look – no dress code!*
  
- 2) Be Responsible about your obligations.*
  - a) Read the syllabus and understand what is in it.*
  - b) Be as prepared as you can possibly be when you go to class.*
  - c) Keep up with reading assignment – even if no one reminds you to do it.*
  - d) Do your homework – you will know immediately if you understand new material or have questions that need to be answered in class.*
  - e) If you fail to come to class prepared, to turn in homework or an assignment when it is due, accept responsibility for your failure and move on. Don't look for someone else to blame.*
  - f) You are an important part of the class and your participation is valuable. Contribute to the class, don't rely on others to do it all.*
  
- 3) Be courteous and civil: This is classroom etiquette.*
  - a) Arriving on time is important, but if you are late, disrupt the class as little as possible.*
  - b) Turn off your phone.*
  - c) Be respectful of others – whether you agree with them or like them – because you expect the same treatment.*
  - d) Don't interrupt.*
  - e) Limit private conversations.*

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- 4) *Be open minded—about the value of a class and about the content.*
  - a) *Each class has information you will need in the future or can use. Look for it, even in general education classes.*
  - b) *Be open to new ideas and new concepts. Expect your views to be challenged from time to time and be brave enough to do it.*
  
- 5) *Be honest and truthful in all you do.*
  - a) *No cheating, even though we have all read surveys saying most college students cheat. Understand that even the minimal punishment for cheating is severe.*
  - b) *Be ethical all the time.*
  
- 6) *Communicate –with your instructors and with other students.*
  - a) *Contact your instructor with questions, concerns or issues that need to be addressed.*
  - b) *Let your instructor know in advance if you will be absent.*
  - c) *Be engaged in your classes –they are much more enjoyable that way and you learn far more and it is much easier.*
  
- 7) *Accept the challenge of college –of the studying, thinking and learning required here.*
  - a) *Expect more to be demanded of you and meet the challenge of that.*
  - b) *Don't expect your professors to be like your high school teachers, reminding you about assignments and test dates or like your parents pushing and prodding you. It is time to be independent, enjoy it.*

*Remember that those who teach your classes want you to learn. They are trying to pass on knowledge about a subject they have studied and enjoyed for years.*