

Online Teaching Tips - Netiquette Statement

How we communicate to each other is very important in this course. The Netiquette rules described below must be followed to provide a supportive, positive, and constructive learning environment.



All students are expected to:

1. Show respect for the instructor and for other students in the class
2. Respect the privacy of other students
3. Express differences of opinion in a polite and rational way
4. Maintain an environment of constructive criticism when commenting on the work of other students
5. Avoid bringing up irrelevant topics when involved in group discussions or other collaborative activities
6. Use plain text when creating an e-mail or discussion forum message

The following list summarizes the kind of behavior that is not acceptable. Each item listed below is grounds for removal from the class.



Students should not:

1. Show disrespect for the instructor or for other students in the class
2. Send messages or comments that are threatening, harassing, or offensive
3. Use inappropriate or offensive language
4. Convey a hostile or confrontational tone when communicating or working collaboratively with other students
5. **USE ALL UPPERCASE IN THEIR MESSAGES -- THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF SHOUTING!!!**
6. Use anything other than plain text in e-mail and discussion forum messages. This includes the use of the marquee tag, blink tag, images, flash files, etc. When you respond with a message, your words and thoughts are most important.
7. Post messages that are not positive or constructive. E-mail your instructor if you have questions about the course materials or are experiencing frustrations.

If I feel that a student is violating any of the above guidelines, I will contact that student to discuss the situation in person. If you feel that a student is behaving inappropriately, please send me a private e-mail message explaining the situation as soon as possible.