

Classroom Rights and Expectations Agreement

Human rights and responsibilities of both teacher and student

Classroom etiquette: Our mutual expectations for each other

1. We will listen to each other respectfully
2. We will not speak while others are talking
3. When we disagree with someone, we will critique that person's ideas in a respectful and constructive manner
4. When other people's perspectives are different from ours, we will try to understand them rather than simply criticizing them
5. We will try to remain open-minded and self-aware
6. We will try to help each other
7. We will avoid stereotypes and humor that are disparaging of others
8. We will intervene politely with gentle reminders when class members are being disrespectful or unfair to others
9. We will try to speak English in the classroom for this English language course. We understand that we might at times have language fatigue need a moment to confer in another language.

Students have a right to expect . . .

1. Students have a right to expect that I will hand them a [course syllabus](#) with clearly stated:
 - Course objectives (“*What are we trying to learn in here?*”)
 - Assignment descriptions (“*What do I have to do to pass?*”)
 - Specific due dates (“*When do I have to have it done?*”)
 - Grading policies (“*How will I be graded?*”)
2. Students have a right to expect patience and effort to understand them.
3. Students have a right to expect class sessions will start on time and end on time.
4. Students have a right to expect opportunities to discuss course components (assignments, lectures, presentations, exams) outside of class time.
5. Students have a right to expect constructive feedback on drafts of papers submitted for me to review (if those drafts are submitted well in advance of due dates).
6. Students have a right to expect that papers will be graded and returned within two weeks (provided they were turned in on time).
7. Students have a right to expect re-evaluations of work that they think may have been graded unfairly or improperly.

As professor and TAs, we have the right to expect that...

1. students will arrive on time and prepared (completed homework)
2. students will [stay actively engaged](#) for the entire class period and participate
3. students needing clarification or assistance will ask for it
4. students will turn in assignments on time
5. students will immediately inform me when extenuating circumstances affect attendance
6. students will only use technology for class purposes; online dictionaries only with permission
7. students will follow the university code of academic integrity (no cheating or plagiarism)

Name: _____ Date: _____