

Netiquette: a set of rules for behaving properly online

Respect:

In all of your communications in this course, please show respect for others' ideas and opinions. It is unlikely that you will always agree with others, but remember to address or critique ideas, not people; address facts, not feelings. If you disagree with someone, do not engage in a verbal attack of the person. Instead, respectfully question the evidence or support that that person offers as you put forth your own opinion with evidence or support.

Language:

Please use appropriate classroom language (no text-handly shortcuts or Net jargon; no slang or profanity) in your course communications. Remember that it is sometimes difficult to interpret humor in an online communication, so try to be clear. Be aware that people from cultures that differ from your own may not understand some of your references, so be thoughtful with your wording.

Participation:

Lively online discussion depends on two or more active participants. If you participate in a timely way, the discussion will be more dynamic and relevant. If you wait until the last minute, or after a due date when the rest of the class has moved on, you will likely miss the opportunity to be heard and to have a meaningful interaction.

Giving Credit:

If you use outside sources in any of your assignments for this online class, be sure to cite all quotes, references, and sources. Include text titles and/or Web links.