

Statements about cell phones in NSU faculty syllabi Selected from 140 syllabi with statements

Class Rules: Always bring your text to class since we will be referring to it often. You may sit where you wish, but if you talk when others are talking or working during class you will be moved to another permanent seat. All cell phones or technological devices should be turned off prior to class. If not, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the period. At the instructor's discretion, you will lose any points for that day if you do not follow these classroom rules. Finally, anyone caught cheating in class will be reported and subject to disciplinary actions, which may include failure of the course.

CLASSROOM POLICIES AND CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

When you attend class, you are expected to observe the rudiments of civil behavior. Do NOT chat with friends during class—the instructor will inquire as to what the “problem” is. Do NOT bring children to class. Do NOT sleep, eat, drink, or use tobacco products in the class; each of these is an annoyance and a distraction to your colleagues. Do NOT consistently arrive late to class. Do NOT leave in the middle of class. If you have a legitimate reason to exit the classroom early, speak to me before class begins and I will direct you to sit near the door. Please turn off your cell phones before coming into the classroom. In short, observe good manners and be considerate of your instructor and your colleagues. Students who persist in disrupting the course in any of the ways mentioned above can expect to have points deducted from their semester grade.

Common courtesies:

- Please turn off your cell phones while in class. Do not answer the phone OR text during class. It is rude and makes me very unhappy. If you are expecting a very important call, please let me know before class.
- Do not pack up before I dismiss you. You never know when I may say something important or give a last minute assignment. You're going to want to have that pen and paper handy.

Students are required to keep current in their readings in both the text and their assigned readings for discussion. Cell phones should be turned off in the classroom and cell phone usage during class is prohibited.

COURSE DECORUM:

The University regulations prohibit the use of tobacco (both smoking and chewing), drinking and eating in the classroom. These regulations will be observed. Tape recorders are **NOT** allowed in this course. Students who disrupt class (talking, pagers, cell phones, watch alarms, ect.) or fail to follow instructions will be warned once without penalty. Subsequent infractions will result in a deduction of points from the student's final grade. Additional guidelines regarding classroom behavior will be announced in class.

Please turn your cell phones off or put them on vibration when you enter the class. If there is an urgent situation pending, then talk to me.

CLASSROOM COURTESY: Out of courtesy to your classmates and me, please do not

- (1) engage in private conversations when the instructor or another student is addressing the class.
 - (2) eat in class (unless you bring food to share with the entire class). Drinks with lids, however, are permitted.
 - (3) bring visitors to class without my prior permission.
 - (4) **repeatedly get up from your seat during class.** Please wait until the break or the end of class.
 - (5) **allow your cell phone to disrupt class.** Please turn off cell phones in class.
 - (6) use a notebook computer in class for any purpose other than to take notes or to look up information on the Internet to share with the class.
 - (7) send text messages in class.
 - (8) **leave class early or during the break without telling me in advance.**
- ***Food Policy & the Use of Cell Phones/Gaming/Music Devices-*** Food and drinks (except soda pop) are allowed in class if they are not a distraction and the students are responsible for clean-up. The use of cell phones, gaming, and/or music devices is strictly forbidden in class. If a student is caught using any of these devices, the teacher will confiscate the device and send it to the office for further action. However, there are a few instances when the teacher may indicate a specific time when a music device may be used (such as unit tests or writing assignments).

Miscellaneous

- This class will abide by the rules concerning academic dishonesty as set forth by Northeastern State University.
- Photocopying of textbooks in order to avoid purchasing them is a violation of U.S. copyright laws. Photocopied textbooks are not allowed in this class.
- Cell phones are a communication device and should not be brought to class or turned off during class. Calls may be taken during the break only, unless prior arrangements have been made with the professor. For security reasons during exams, and quizzes; and to be courteous to other students, cell phones may be confiscated if students are found using them for any reason during class and held until the end of class.
- Classroom behavior will be monitored closely. Talking to other students during the lecture is considered rude to other students who are listening to the professor and will not be tolerated. Professor has the option of moving students if excessive talking continues. Students are allowed to leave the classroom only during breaks unless it is an emergency situation.

Policies: > All coursework must be created by you **within the time-frame of the class**

> You **may not** reuse work previously turned in to another class

> Work containing nudity, profanity, stereotypical/degrading images of a racial or sexual nature **will not be accepted for grading.**

> Profanity in the classroom **will not** be tolerated.

> Electronic devices **must be turned off** during class time. (i.e. cell phones, music devices, etc.)

The use of cell phones during class is distracting to other students and the instructor. Bells chimes on the phones need to be turned off when class begins.

Cell phones, ipods, audio recorders and other electronic gadgets

Any device which makes noise can be disruptive to class so turn them off before class starts and leave them off. If an unusual family situation requires you to be available, set your phone to vibrate and sit near the exit.

Audio recorders may not be used in class as they inhibit some students from asking questions or making comments in class. You will have to rely on note-taking to record class lectures and discussions unless arrangements have been made with the Student Services office and me.

Children and pets

Children and pets can be disruptive to other students. Do not bring them to class. In a crisis, you may have an older child who can sit quietly without supervision attend class with you. Do not leave children unaccompanied on campus; I would rather they be with you.

Class Interruptions: In order to maintain an atmosphere of learning, it is necessary to reduce class interruptions as much as possible (this includes leaving class early). Therefore, all cell phones brought into the classroom must have the audible call notification silenced. Only emergency cell phone use will be allowed. If a student has the need to leave the room before the class is dismissed, that student should feel free to quietly and quickly leave the room. However, the student should not attempt to re-enter the classroom until the class is dismissed unless admission is acknowledged by the instructor.

Food and Drink: The consumption of food and drink during the class should be kept at a minimum. Each student is responsible for the appropriate disposal of the containers and wrappers used. Each student should also insure that the desks are clean and dry, thus making the room as acceptable as possible for the next class. No trash should be disposed of by placement in the desks. If questionable situations arise, err on the side of proper etiquette and consideration of others.

Cell phones should be turned OFF or placed on vibrate (silent). Ringing, buzzing, playing cell phones or text messaging OR reading or browsing other publications will be treated as an absence for that day. Ringing, buzzing or playing cell phones including text messaging OR reading or browsing a newspaper or other publication not part of class will be treated as an act of disruptive conduct or academic misconduct. All acts of disruptive conduct and academic misconduct will be noted and may be reported to the appropriate administrative authority.

1. Actively participate in classroom discussion, exercises and cases. Much of the learning in this class will be derived from in-class discussions and exercises. Thus, it is vital to the success of the course that each class member be prompt, attend regularly, and be adequately prepared to respond in a professional manner. Cell phones must be turned off during class. Disruptive or inappropriate conduct in class may result in expulsion.

STUDENT CONDUCT: DO NOT TALK, READ, SLEEP, EAT, TEXT-MESSAGE, OR STUDY DURING LECTURES OR DISCUSSIONS. DO NOT BRING CHILDREN OR FRIENDS TO CLASS (WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR). DURING CLASS TIME, THE INSTRUCTOR EXPECTS YOU TO BE *ELECTRONICALLY DISENGAGED*; THEREFORE, CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF DURING CLASS. IF YOU MUST LEAVE BEFORE CLASS IS OVER AND HAVE A LEGITIMATE REASON FOR DOING SO, INFORM THE INSTRUCTOR BEFORE CLASS, IF POSSIBLE. EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS **DO NOT LEAVE CLASS WITHOUT INFORMING THE INSTRUCTOR ABOUT WHY YOU NEED TO LEAVE. AFTER AN INITIAL WARNING TO EACH STUDENT, THE INSTRUCTOR WILL DEDUCT FIVE POINTS FROM THE STUDENT'S FINAL SEMESTER AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION OF THESE POLICIES, TEN FOR THE SECOND, FIFTEEN FOR THE THIRD, AND INCREASING BY INCREMENTS OF FIVE FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.**

7. Students are expected to arrive on time, cell phones will be turned off

STUDENT PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES: (Attendance/Punctuality)

Regular class attendance is expected. The instructor reserves the right to reduce a student's grade for excessive absences. The policy is a letter grade reduction for each four absences. Students with valid excuses such as sickness or death in the immediate family will be excused. Students are expected to arrive to class on time and be ready to take notes. Students are expected to participate in classroom discussion when appropriate. All cell phones should be turned off during class time.

* No food, drink, cell phones, pagers, beepers, etc. will be allowed in the classroom.

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