

**EXAMPLES OF CLASSROOM DISRUPTION INCLUDE:**

- CONVERSING DURING A LECTURE;
- PASSING NOTES;
- ANSWERING A CELL PHONE OR PAGER;
- INTERRUPTING LECTURES AND TALKING WITHOUT BEING CALLED UPON;
- LEAVING AND/OR ENTERING THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION;
- ARRIVING LATE AND DEPARTING EARLY;
- MAKING THREATS OR VERBALLY INSULTING THE PROFESSOR OR OTHER STUDENTS.

**IN ORDER TO AVOID CLASSROOM DISRUPTION, STUDENTS SHOULD:**

- ARRIVE FOR CLASS ON TIME AND NOT LEAVE EARLY;
- RESPECT INSTRUCTORS AND FELLOW STUDENTS;
- TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS;
- REFRAIN FROM EATING IN CLASS;
- AVOID THE USE OF PROFANITY OR PEJORATIVE LANGUAGE;
- AVOID BEING OVERTLY INATTENTIVE (E.G., SLEEPING OR READING UNRELATED MATERIAL IN CLASS);
- REFRAIN FROM LISTENING TO THE RADIO, OR WATCHING A PERSONAL TELEVISION, SURFING THE INTERNET OR USING OTHER UNRELATED ELECTRONIC MEDIA DURING CLASS TIME.

Students who are alleged to be disruptive may be charged with a violation under the Student Disciplinary Policies and Procedures. The faculty member and the student may agree upon a sanction that may include a grade penalty. If an agreement is reached, the student waives his/her right to a formal hearing or an appeal. Other possible sanctions include:

1. An Administrative Warning - (*May be in writing or given verbally*);
2. Disciplinary Probation that may include community service, a grade sanction, or withdrawal from the class;
3. Disciplinary Suspension;
4. Disciplinary Dismissal; or
5. Summary Disciplinary Dismissal.

**Old Dominion University Classroom Behavior Standards**

The following standards are intended to define acceptable classroom behavior that preserves academic integrity and ensures that students have optimum environmental conditions for effective learning.

1. Students must turn off cell phones and pagers during class or have them set to vibrate mode.
2. Classes are expected to begin on time, and students will respect the time boundaries established by the professor. If

classroom doors are locked, students may **not** knock or seek entrance in other ways.

3. Students should notify instructors in advance when a class will be missed. In the event of an emergency that causes a class to be missed, instructors must be notified as soon as possible.

4. Instructors may require that cell phones and other electronic devices be left on their desks during tests or examinations.

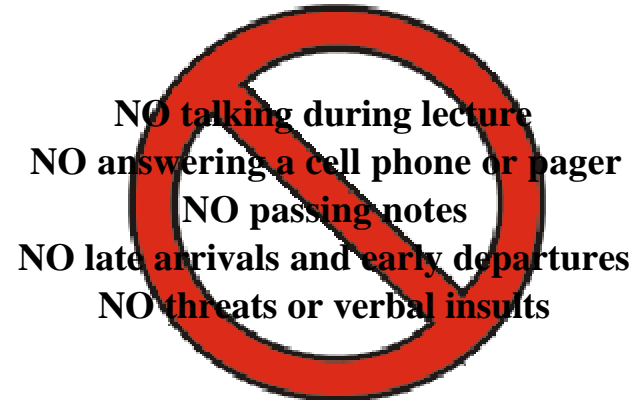
5. Students must not engage in extraneous conversations during classes. Such acts are considered to be violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

6. Students will activate their Old Dominion University e-mail accounts and check them before each class. If the student chooses to have his/her messages forwarded to another account, it is the student's responsibility to take the necessary steps to have them forwarded.

7. Consumption of food and drink during class is prohibited, **except** when the professor has specifically approved of such acts.

8. Offensive language, gestures and the like are disrespectful and disruptive to the teaching-learning process.

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