

CIVIL BEHAVIOR AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS IN THE CLASSROOM

Most Warner Pacific courses include a considerable expectation of participation and active learning during the class period. Interruption caused by one student to the orderly flow of the class session may not only inhibit the learning process but also disrupt and distract others engaged in the class. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established for use during class sessions:

- All cell phones should be silenced during class time. Students may not text message, receive or make calls during class.
- The use of electronic devices during class is permitted for the purpose of enhancing the educational outcomes of the course. Use of electronic devices to check one's email, cruise the Internet, play games, work on projects not related to the course, or other uses not related to the course outcomes is NOT permitted. Persistent violation of this guideline may result in the loss of computer use privileges during the class.
- Individual use of earbuds and personal listening or viewing devices such as iPods is not permitted during class.

In order to assure a safe and supportive environment for all students, the following behaviors are strictly prohibited in classes:

- Verbal threats of physical harm directed towards professor and/ or other students or physical violence or intimidation
- Verbally aggressive taunts, threats or abusive language directed toward students or professors, which may include the use of profanities
- Showing up intoxicated/under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Sleeping in class
- Disruptive and uncooperative behavior and actions that results in the breakdown of order in the classroom, or obstruction of class goals
- Defying specific instructions from the instructor pertaining to classroom conduct or behavior
- Being openly critical and negative towards the professor and other students
- Instigation/Provoking - the face-to-face use of personally abusive epithets that, when addressed to any person, are inherently likely to provoke immediate violent reaction whether or not the reaction occurs
- Using hate speech including but not limited to racist, demeaning, inflammatory, and or vulgar language in classroom conversation, communication, blogs or assignments.
- Participating in or promoting practices that are in direct contradiction to the Bible e.g., occult practices
- Inappropriate dress (hoods during class or exams)
- Inappropriate taking of photos/videos/audio recordings
- Excessive tardiness or leaving class early

Students who demonstrate any of these behaviors may be asked to cease the behavior or leave the classroom; in the case of repeat offenses, the student may face censure through the student judicial process.