

Netiquette Guidelines

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Be Considerate

Address your professor by their title, unless specifically told otherwise. Avoid writing in ALL CAPS, which is the online equivalent of yelling. Avoid sarcasm, which is difficult to interpret in an online setting. Remember to write "please" and "thank you," and to address your peers by name.

Keep it Academic

Whether you're referring to a text, a video, or even one of your peers, cite your sources for the benefit of everyone. Distinguish between fact or opinion, and when responding to peers, be sure to fact-check yourself.

Bring Your Best Work

A great post is more than just spell-checked and written in a respectful or academic tone. Quality posts expand the conversation, add information, share a meaningful reflection, or contribute in a significant way.

Stay on Task

Be sure to directly respond to the discussion prompt. Organize your responses and be sure to engage your peers.

Disagree Politely

Productive disagreement is a learning activity, and to be expected in an online course. Focus on discussing the ideas and look for common ground. Be patient, forgiving, and select your words carefully.

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