

THE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR THE CLASSROOM

The students, faculty, and administration, in understanding the basic level of appreciation and respect for the classroom as a learning environment, jointly support the Northwestern Code of Classroom Etiquette. This code is to serve as a guideline, though professors may choose to adjust or modify the code for their particular classroom culture.

Students are expected to demonstrate classroom etiquette based on the following principles:

- 1. Disruptive Behavior:** Students should demonstrate respect for the professor and fellow students during the class period. Students, therefore, should refrain from distracting behavior such as disruptive eating, using laptops to surf the web, IM, or check e-mail and holding side conversations. All cell phones and pagers should be silenced or placed on vibration.
- 2. Punctuality:** Students are expected to arrive for class on time. Please refer to the teacher's classroom rules to address any punitive measures for tardiness.
- 3. Exiting and Entering:** Students are expected to remain in the classroom for the duration of the class. If a student must depart early due to unavoidable circumstances, the student should inform the instructor before class.
- 4. Attendance:** Students are expected to attend every class throughout the term. When unable to attend, the student should notify the professor in advance.
- 5. Respect the Facilities:** Students are expected to help maintain the appearance of the classroom. After class, students should discard their trash.