

Respect Policy

I respect your time:

- I will come prepared to help you understand the course material and prepare you for quizzes/exams.
- Communication is key: I cannot help you if I do not know what is going on.
- I am here to help you, this is your time, so let me know what I can do to help you succeed.
- If there is something that you would like me to do differently, please, let me know. I am happy to work with you to make class the best it can be.

Respect my time:

- Be on time to class.
- Pay attention when I am talking to you.
- Come to class prepared by doing the work and going to office hours when you need help.

Respect each other:

- Do not be disruptive. If you need to take a call or text someone, take it outside.
- Work with each other to find solutions. You learn more by helping each other.
- Allow one another to make mistakes. This is an important part of the learning process.
- Use respectful language when talking with one another.

COVID Discussion Policy

At the time of writing, there have been over 5.6 million cases of COVID-19 in the United States with over 175,000 deaths; moreover, there have been over 22.9 million cases with 798,000 deaths worldwide. It is an understatement to say that these are trying times not just for students, along with their friends and family, but for our broader community. While many of us use humor to cope with difficult situations, we are often able to do so without great offense because we can choose our words and our actions to fit an audience with which we are familiar—be it friends or family.

However, this luxury may not be available to us in the classroom. You will likely not know all your classmates and their circumstances. It is not unlikely that at least one of your classmates in at least one of your classes has lost an acquaintance, friend, or family member to COVID-19. Worse yet, because of social distancing, they may not have been able to properly mourn them. Even if a classmate has not lost someone, they or someone in their life may be experiencing financial hardships or other crises due to COVID-19.

While all students are expected to respect and protect each other by signing and abiding by Syracuse University's 'Stay Safe Pledge', we need to do more as a community. Protecting the health of others is the minimum one can do in a pandemic. We need to go beyond basic physical health and support our community's mental health. By enrolling in this course, you should refrain from making jokes or other trivialization of the COVID-19 pandemic while participating in the course, both online and in-person.