

INCIVILITY IDEAS

TOP PICKS

1. Be aware of netiquette – include it in a syllabus and possibly create a netiquette policy for the department or lab
2. Include professionalism as a portion of the class grade – base the grade upon attendance, civility and participation in group projects
3. Keep record of all interactions with students – It can back you up when the student is troubled

Course policies/class norms

Netiquette – being aware of the problem and state more expectations for how students should behave on the Internet. Policy may need to go beyond the class syllabus, may need to include the policy in lab or department

Dress codes – create a policy for a professional environment (but why isn't there support from the administration) for the appropriate clothing [depends on the profession]

Course content/curriculum

Late assignments – Set a very specific expectation (drop dead deadline, lost points, don't allow late assignments at all)

Plagiarism – Set up what is expected very clearly from the start

If there is a case of plagiarism, teach what is wrong and have it redone – Still hand in an F – But the consequence beyond that score doesn't take place

Signed contracts – much be supported by the administration or they don't work

Course activities and experiences (instructional activities):

Frame the class as a professional environment –

Professionalism portion of the grade – attendance, civility, participation in group projects

Informal or formal assessment

It's less important that they respect you, in that they like you

Keep record of all interactions – if you can to back up a troubled student

Disruptive behavior – report it and need support of administration

Open door policy -

Classroom environment

Fear of God speech

You can trust me and I understand it's hard – heart to heart

Ask for constructive criticism

10 second “wake your neighbor break”

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