Week 6: What to Expect in the Classroom

This week the SGN will prepare you for the American classroom! Many international students find that American classrooms are more informal than their universities back home, and that American professors and university staff and students are very approachable! We will prepare you for your time in the classroom and make sure you have all the resources necessary to succeed academically while you are at OU.

What do I wear to class?

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• Classroom Expectations
• Class Resources
• Academic Misconduct
Classroom Expectations

1. Class size and formality may vary
   a. Class sizes range from 4-300 students at OU, and the level of formality varies with each class as well

2. Faculty and students are approachable
   a. Introduce yourself to students and faculty at OU. You will find most people are very friendly and helpful!
   b. Ask questions and get to know your classmates, this will help you succeed in class and make friends

3. Be considerate
   a. Turn off your cell phones while in class, no texting or calling
   b. Use laptop computers appropriately, and for class only
   c. Only eat in class with permission
   d. Do the readings and homework before class, and always come prepared with textbooks and class materials
Classroom Resources

1. **Desire to Learn (D2L):** D2L is an online classroom tool that most professors will use to update you on your assignments, provide reading materials, and post grades. To log in visit: learn.ou.edu and use your 4x4 information (same as OU email). **Check D2L frequently** and stay up to date with your assignments.

2. **Writing Center:** the writing center will help any student, with any writing project! Take your paper, or outline in to the center and receive valuable feedback. Visit [www.ou.edu/writingcenter](http://www.ou.edu/writingcenter) for more information.

3. **The Assessment & Learning Center:** the center provides the Student Success Series with many seminars to help you succeed, like time management and seminars designed for international students. Visit: [http://uc.ou.edu/alc](http://uc.ou.edu/alc) for more info.

4. **Bizzell Memorial Library:** the Bizzell library is a fantastic resource for all OU students! Visit the website at: libraries.ou.edu to search for books, journal articles and other materials you need for research while at OU. The library also offers computers and copiers for student access.
Academic Misconduct

- Academic misconduct of any kind (cheating, plagiarism, fraud, etc.) is not tolerated.
- Academic misconduct is reported to the appropriate university authorities for investigation and hearings may be held.
- Academic misconduct is a punishable offense resulting in sanctions such as failing grades, permanent notations on transcripts, suspensions and expulsions.

Do not
- Cheat
- Plagiarize
- Engage in fraud

Do
- Read about academic integrity at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity/
- Do ask your professor when in doubt
- Do visit the Writing Center for guidance

Student Perspective

“If you find you are having trouble in your classes, be sure to contact your professors during office hours or find a tutor. In the US professor office hours really exist, and professors are eager to help you.”

Delphine Piguet from France