

# Examples of Disruptive Classroom Behaviors

## Usage of Electronic Devices

- Using cellular phones, text messaging iPods, MP3 players, laptops, etc. while class is in session

## Unexcused exits

- Leaving to retrieve a soda or other snack items
- Leaving to engage in a conversation (i.e. person-to-person or by phone)
- Leaving before class is finished for any reason without prior permission from the instructor

## Non-Permitted Communication During Classroom Instruction

- Talking while the instructor is talking
- Talking before being recognized by the instructor (i.e. blurting out information)
- Talking without permission during classroom instruction (i.e. side conversations with an individual or in a group)
- Mimicking and/or consistently repeating an instructor's words

## Personal Attacks

- Engaging in abusive or mean spirited criticism of another student or an instructor
- Questioning an instructor's authority in front of the class
- Continuing to insist on speaking with an instructor during classroom instruction
- Telling an instructor to "shut-up"

## Threatening Behaviors

- Verbally abusing an instructor or student (i.e. cursing or extremely loud talking directed at a particular person)
- Threatening to physically harm an instructor or student through verbal or body gestures
- Intimidating through body gestures and/or posture or persistent staring at an instructor or student

## Overt Inattentiveness

- Sleeping in class
- Preventing others from concentrating on classroom instruction
- Reading a newspaper, doing homework from another class, etc.

## Other Distracting Behaviors

- Arriving late to class, especially on test dates
- Persistent Tardiness
- Creating excessive noise from packing up before class has ended
- Dressing inappropriately as to cause other students or instructor to be distracted (i.e. wearing pajamas, indecent exposure, or offensive words on clothing)