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Classroom Disruption

Appropriate conduct by students is an absolute requirement and ODU has a zero tolerance policy for any disruptive behavior.

The term 'disruptive behavior' means any behavior that substantially interferes with the conduct of a class.

Disruptive behavior may include but is not limited to:

- Persistent late arrivals or leaving early in a manner that disrupts the regular flow of the class.
- Talking while the instructor is talking.
- Speaking in class without first obtaining recognition and permission to speak.
- Use of electronic equipment such as cell phones, computers, tablets, etc. in a manner that disrupts the class.
- A student who becomes belligerent or verbally abusive when confronted as a result of their inappropriate behavior.

Each professor outlines their expectations for appropriate classroom behavior in the course syllabus. It is expected that students read the course syllabus and comply with the outlined expectations. A faculty member may consider disruptive behavior when assigning grades for the class if participation is part of the final grade.

Students do not have the right to engage in disruptive behavior. The instructor of record has the authority to maintain appropriate classroom behavior in all courses, whether in traditional or distance modes. Faculty have the right to immediately confront any student causing disruptive behavior, and request cessation of the behavior.

Should any student choose not to stop their disruptive behavior, the faculty member can ask the student to leave the classroom. The student may also be reported to the Office of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity for a violation of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

If a student refuses to leave a classroom when asked to do so, or if a faculty member is concerned about their personal safety or the safety of the class, the Old Dominion University Police Department may be called to remove the student.