

NETIQUETTE for ONLINE LEARNERS

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NETIQUETTE refers to how we conduct ourselves online.

Like a traditional classroom, online courses are based on the premise that students learn best in a community. Just as all University of Kentucky students are expected to adhere to the [Code of Student Conduct](#), the etiquette expected of students while participating in online discussions and activities is the same as that expected of students in a traditional classroom.

Below are some netiquette expectations to guide online behavior:

In General

- Show empathy
- Be professional
- Actively participate
- Avoid acting impulsively
- Adhere to civil discourse
- Avoid typing in ALL CAPS!
- Respect diversity of thought/opinion
- Strive for clarity, brevity, and accuracy
- Use appropriate language and grammar
- Be friendly, positive, and self-reflective
- Respect other's time by staying on topic, providing useful dialogue, etc.
- Avoid sarcasm as tone is hard to detect in the written language and can be taken seriously or offensively

In Synchronous Class Meetings

- Be on time
- Avoid multitasking during class time
- Minimize environmental distractions and background noise such as telephones, roommates, children, pets, television, radio, side conversations, eating, drinking, smoking, etc.