

CLASSROOM NORMS & EXPECTATIONS

This learning module covers new and challenging subject matter. The success of class discussions and the learning experience as a whole will require that we each practice self-awareness and that, as a class, we adhere to a common set of guiding values and expectations rooted in respect and open-mindedness. These are laid out below.

GUIDING VALUES

- **PREPAREDNESS** || Come to each class having done the homework and asynchronous learning assignments, ready and willing to engage with your peers, and to critically reflect on your own values and experiences.
- **GENEROSITY** || Treat your peers and yourself with a spirit of generosity, which means recognizing we are all coming to this material with different lived experiences and values which merit a shared willingness to listen, understand, and support each other.
- **CIVILITY** || Engage with your peers and instructors in a respectful manner. Civility does not negate disagreement nor lively debate, but it does require thoughtful attention to words and a commitment to respect.
- **CURIOSITY** || Demonstrate openness and inquisitiveness towards the ideas and activities presented in the course, as well as your peers and yourself.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- Open any documents you will need for the session before class starts.
- Do not use your cell phone while in class.
- Address each other by name during conversations to help with clarity of communication and facilitate a sense of community.
- Practice active listening. Listen to understand what you are hearing, not simply to respond.
- Be conscious of how much you are speaking versus other students.
- Please do not interrupt others.