Example Classroom Behavior Statements for your Syllabus

1. Classroom attendance is a necessary part of this course. You are allowed no more than x number of unexcused absences.

2. Classroom participation is a part of your grade in this course. To participate you must attend class having prepared the materials for the day. Questions and comments must be relevant to the topic at hand.

3. You are expected to be on time. Class starts promptly at x. You should be in your seat and ready to begin class at this time. Class ends at x. Packing up your things early is disruptive to others around you and to myself.

4. Raise your hand to be recognized.

5. Classroom discussion should be civilized and respectful to everyone and relevant to the topic we are discussing. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. Classroom discussion is meant to allow us to hear a variety of viewpoints. This can only happen if we respect each other and our differences.

6. Any discussion from class that continues on any listserv or class discussion list, should adhere to these same rules and expectations.

7. Any continued disruption of class will result in a report to the Coordinator of Community Rights and Responsibilities for a conduct code infraction. After one warning, if the disruption continues, you will be asked to leave the classroom for the remainder of class.

8. You are expected to do your own work. Cheating, plagiarism and any other form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please refer to the Code of Student Conduct by which all students are expected to abide. Grade penalty that will be issued to you should you be found responsible for academic dishonesty will be (F in course, F on assignment, 1 letter grade lower in course, redo assignment, etc.)

9. What you can expect from me: I will be prepared for class, on time, I will not leaving early, I will be respectful you and your opinions.

Meaningful and constructive dialogue is encouraged in this class and requires a degree of mutual respect, willingness to listen, and tolerance of opposing points of view. Respect for individual differences and alternative viewpoints will be maintained at all times in this class. One’s words and use of language should be temperate and within acceptable bounds of civility and decency.

Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, all students are expected to come to class prepared and on time, and remain for the full class period. All pagers, wireless phones, games, players or other electronic devices that generate sound and/or pictures must be turned off during class.

Disruptive behaviors, including excessive talking, arriving late to class, sleeping, reading newspapers, using unauthorized electronic devices during class is not permitted. Repetitive and seriously disruptive behavior, e.g., fighting, using profanity, personal or physical threats or insults, damaging property, may result in your removal from class in accordance with policies and procedures outlined in the ISU’s Code of Student Conduct and in consultation with Community Rights and Responsibilities in the Dean of Student’s Office.