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Attendance:

- You are expected to attend **every** class meeting.
- **Prompt Arrival:** You are expected to be in your seat and ready to begin when class is scheduled to start. It is unprofessional and impolite to arrive at or after the start of class.
- **Tardy:** You are tardy if you (1) arrive late, (2) leave early, or (3) leave in the middle of class and return. Three tardies equates to one absence. (If you are really creative, you could come late, leave and return during class, and then leave early and get one absence in one day even though you are in class for awhile!)
- **Excessive Absences:** Other than in exceptional circumstances, if you accrue six (6) or more absences, you will be automatically dropped from this course. Notice will be provided after the fifth absence. You may petition for relief from this rule by submitting a sworn affidavit along with supporting materials to document the reason for your absences. Note that your petition must show a justifiable reason for *all* your absences, not just the sixth and subsequent absences.

Class Preparation:

- You must be prepared for every class.
- You must be prepared to discuss the assigned material.
- Your final grade is subject to reduction for being unprepared.

Technology Etiquette:

- Turn off all mobile communication devices such as cellular telephones and pagers prior to the beginning of class.
- Boot up computers before class starts.
- Turn off computer audio.
- Disable distracting screen savers.
- Use an adequately charged battery or a power cord to avoid running out of power and the associated low battery warning noises.

- Do not use your computer for purposes that are not related to class. For example, do not write or reply to e-mail or instant messages, surf the Internet, tweet, work on your Facebook or MySpace page, etc.

Syllabus:

Assignments are subject to change. Updates will be sent to all students via e-mail.

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