

# CLASS CONTRACT

## Boynton/Academic Inquiry & Writing - Fall 2017

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, have carefully read, understand and agree to abide by the class guidelines that were given to me in writing and are accessible to me 24/7 via the class Blackboard site, so I may refer to them at anytime. These guidelines outline what is expected of me, as well as what I can expect from the class. They offer, among other essentials, an explanation of how my grade will be determined. I understand that as a college student and an adult, I have certain responsibilities and am expected to display a certain level of maturity and respect in the classroom.

### To ensure academic success

I understand that to be successful in this class, I must complete all in-class and out-of-class assignments, per the directions given to me in writing via the syllabus, through Blackboard or during class instruction. I also understand that:

- Late assignments WILL NOT be accepted, unless arrangements have been made in advance.
- Missing classes may lower my grade.
- Lateness is disruptive, and habitual lateness may result in a lowered course grade.
- If I am absent from class, it is my responsibility to speak with a classmate about the work I missed.
- I must pay attention to the syllabus and complete assignments prior to the start of class.
- If I cheat or plagiarize, I will fail the course.

### To ensure the best possible learning environment

I understand that ringing cell phones, glowing computer screens and the operation of mobile and other electronic devices not being used specifically for class purposes are disruptive and not conducive to learning. Their use in class is also inconsiderate to fellow students and the instructor. I also understand that:

- Participation in the classroom involves listening when it is appropriate to listen, and speaking when it is appropriate to speak.
- When the instructor is speaking, it is inappropriate for students to speak or have private conversations.
- My cell phone and all other electronic devices must be in "silent" or "vibrate" mode before the start of class. Before the start of class, I will also place my cell phone out of sight, such as in a bag or pocket.
- While class is in session, I will not use any electronic device to text, instant message, web surf or for anything other than class-related work. **If I am observed violating this rule, I understand that—without a warning—I will be marked absent and receive no credit for work performed during that class period.**
- If, as a result of a family emergency, I am expecting a truly important call during class, I will inform the instructor before the start of class, set the cell phone to vibrate mode, and sit in the back of the room.
- If I am using an electronic device for taking notes during class, I will make sure the screen does not contain text or images that will distract me or others. I also understand that it is inappropriate for me to do work for another class while this class is in session.
- I will always be respectful in class.
- I understand that if I fail to follow these guidelines, I will receive a warning. If I continue to not follow them, I may be asked to leave the classroom.

It is my responsibility to make myself familiar with all class guidelines at the start of the semester, as well as to review them frequently. I am also responsible for staying on top of any syllabus/assignment changes and immediately bringing to Professor Boynton's attention any questions or concerns.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_