Cultural Expectations 1: American Classrooms

Comprehension Checks

Check 1 (After slide 10)

Click on the TRUE statements.

1. Everyone in a college classroom is about the same age (18-20).
2. Everyone in a college classroom is at about the same learning level.
3. To earn a C in a 3 unit class, you should plan to study for six hours a week outside of class.
4. The syllabus will include the grading policy for the class.
5. Students only need to read the syllabus one time at the beginning of the semester.
6. American colleges don’t really care about plagiarism; citing sources is not required.

Check 2 (after slide 19)

Click on the TRUE statements.

1. Professors in the United States will only lecture.
2. Participating in class discussions may count towards your grade.
3. In a class debate, it is acceptable to yell at another student.
4. Only students who are in trouble go to a professor’s office hours.
5. Professors in the United States base your grade on how much they like you.
6. It is your responsibility to make sure you understand all the comments a professor writes on your paper.
7. It is your responsibility to keep track of your grades for the semester.
8. If your final percentage is 79.99%, you will get a B in the class.

Check 3 (after slide 33)

Click on the TRUE statements.

1. Most professors in the United States expect you to speak in class.
2. It’s acceptable to shout out answers in class.
3. You should always work with your best friend on team projects for class.
4. Students can discuss personal emergencies with professors during office hours.
5. For math tutoring, students should meet with a counselor.
6. To access an e-book, students should use the Library’s website.
7. Students cannot print for free anywhere on campus.
8. Academic counseling only occurs in the counseling office.
9. Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) can provide a sign language interpreter for students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.
10. The Student Health and Wellness Center provides mental health services.