

## The Learning Environment at ESF

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry is an academic community in which all members have the right to expect an environment that is conducive to the teaching and learning process and supportive of the College's mission. Each member of the ESF community has a responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment for others.

The ESF Code of Student Conduct describes the basic rights and responsibilities of all students as members of the College community. The Code sets standards for academic honesty, the protection of property and the assurance of campus safety and individual well-being.

Daily interactions among community members (faculty, staff and students) must reflect the principles of rights and responsibilities in the Code. Classrooms and laboratories, advising sessions, out-of-class relationships and written communications are all opportunities for the positive expression of standards of mutual respect.

The classroom setting, the predominant learning environment at ESF, must be characterized by appropriate, respectful behavior. No instructor nor the other students in a class should be subject to any student's disruptive or rude behavior. The instructor will take appropriate action to maintain a positive learning environment. Sanctions may include removal from class, failure of an assignment or the course, and/or referral to the campus judicial system. Likewise, no student should feel disregarded or intimidated by his/her instructor. The "Academic Grievance Procedures" provide for fair hearing and resolution.

### Guidelines for Positive Classroom Environment

- Be sure to come to class on time and don't leave early before dismissal
- Keep side conversations to a minimum; talking in class can be disruptive to others
- Be sure cell phones and beepers are turned off
- Take care to minimize noisy distractions with backpacks, books, laptops
- Maintain attention to the class—don't eat, sleep, read newspapers, or do other work in class
- Be respectful of how the instructor is conducting the class
- Don't dominate discussions, make rude or inappropriate remarks, or avoid participating in discussions

As a member of the ESF academic community, I understand my responsibility for ensuring a productive and conducive learning environment. I will respect the guidelines listed above and I understand the consequences of disregarding them.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date