Example: Ground Rules and Expectations

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(1) Everyone will treat everyone else with respect.

(2) Each person will strive to be complete and concise.

(3) No one or two people will dominate the discussion.

(4) We will stick to the topic under discussion.

(5) Cell phones will be off or set to vibrate when the course is in session.

(6) Group members will not interrupt each other.

(7) All group members will participate fully.

(8) When the instructor indicates it is time to move on, participants will post any pending questions on the question sheet provided. Posted questions will be addressed first during agenda items directed to handling questions.

(9) The instructor will manage the discussion. As manager of the discussion, the instructor may intervene to keep the conversation on track and on time.

(10) All class participants have the responsibility to take care of themselves.

(11) All class participants share responsibility for following these ground rules.