



Classroom Communication

Discussions regularly occur in academic classes. As part of any classroom discussion, participants have certain **Rights and Obligations** regarding how they talk together about the subject.

Rights:

- Each of us has the right to make a contribution to an attentive, responsive audience.
- Each of us has the right to ask questions.
- Each of us has the right to be treated civilly.
- Each of us has the right to have their ideas discussed, not them.

Obligations:

- Each of us is obligated to speak loudly enough for others to hear.
- Each of us is obligated to listen for understanding.
- Each of us is obligated to participate constructively in class discussions.
- Each of us is obligated to agree or disagree (and explain why) in response to other people's ideas.
- Each of us is obligated to stay on topic.