

# Interacting with Your College Professor

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You're not an adult in training. You ARE an adult.





Every class meeting in every course is important.  
And **READ THE SYLLABUS!**

# Be respectful.

1. Greet your professor.
2. Look interested.
3. Ask questions.
4. Stop talking and texting when the professor begins talking.
5. Go to office hours while there is still time to pass.
6. Read the comments on your papers.
7. Email as if you are writing your employer. Use campus email, and remember emails are forever.



# Be pro-active from day #1.





Grades are earned.  
By YOU!

# Works Cited

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# 10 Surefire Ways to Upset Your Professor

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# Ain't nobody got time for this. . .

- Making excuses for missing class. Missing class period.
- Asking your prof if you “missed anything important” when you missed class.
- Challenging your prof publicly.
- Disputing a grade like a “mad dog.”
- Treating the prof like your servant.

# Ain't nobody got time for this either . . .

- Plagiarizing. Period.
- Going over your prof's head.
- Failing to check your campus email account.
- Failing to read your syllabus.
- Crappy, unprofessional emails.

## **DO:**

- Use short, clear subject line.
- Short, clear message **FREE FROM GRAMMAR ERRORS!**
- Good sign-off (Regards,) & **FULL, REAL NAME SIGNATURE!**

# 10 Ways to Make Your Professor



YOU!

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# Successful college students . . .

- Look interested.
- Speak to the prof as he or she enters.
- Ask meaningful questions.
- Be in class every session & ON TIME.
- Put in your two cents' worth.

# And they also . . .

- Continue the convo after class or in office.
- Read the prof's comments on tests & papers.
- If you enjoy the class, tell the prof, but no BS!
- Thank the prof for any favors granted.
- Always be positive!