



APPENDIX 1

SAMPLE GROUND RULES

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- Show respect to everyone.
- Give everyone a chance to speak.
- Listen actively and attentively to everyone.
- Ask for clarification if you are confused.
- Do not interrupt one another.
- Challenge one another, but do so respectfully.
- Critique ideas, not people.
- Do not offer opinions without supporting evidence.
- Avoid put-downs (even humorous ones).
- Take responsibility for the quality of the discussion.
- Build on one another's comments; work towards shared understanding.
- Always have materials needed for class in front of you.
- Do not monopolise discussions.
- Speak from your own experience, without generalising.
- Do not share too much information about yourself.
- Everyone has the freedom to change their opinion based on reflective discussion.
- If you are offended by anything said during discussion, acknowledge it immediately.