

# **Departmental Guidelines on Student Behavior in the Classroom**

Courses in mathematics are among the most difficult offered by the university. The atmosphere in the classroom can have a major influence on the teaching and learning outcomes, and it is the responsibility of the instructor to ensure a satisfactory atmosphere. All instructors should be aware that they have the authority to do so, by imposing rules of behavior such as those listed below, or any similar rules which seem appropriate. Any such rules should be included in the class syllabus.

1. You are expected to arrive on time. If you have to be late, enter the classroom quietly, possibly from the back, without disrupting the class. Do not walk between the instructor and the blackboard or between the instructor and the class.
2. If you have to leave early, notify the instructor before the class begins, sit by the door and exit quietly.
3. Except for emergencies students should not leave and reenter the classroom when the class is in session.
4. During the class time cell phones and pagers should be turned off.
5. Do not talk to other students during the lecture. If you have a question about the material, address the instructor.
6. No eating in the classroom.
7. Do not prepare to leave before the class is completely finished.
8. Walk quietly through the hallways since classes in other rooms may still be in session.
9. Any other behavior that your classmates may find disruptive should be rectified.
10. Keep in mind that your behavior affects the learning environment of all.
11. The instructor has the right to impose additional rules if necessary.