

## A few words about lecture hall etiquette:

- (1) Sometimes through no fault of your own you may be late for class. On the rare occasion when this happens enter the lecture hall from the rear and take a seat at the end of a row. The idea here is not to disturb the others who are paying attention to what is going on and taking notes.
- (2) If you need to leave before class ends, do so in a quiet and unobtrusive manner. You will likely know in advance that you need to leave early. Plan ahead. Do not sit in the middle of the hall and then cause a major commotion excusing yourself again and again as you try to leave. Exit via a rear door rather than parading out across the front of the room.
- (3) The acoustics in the Auditorium are excellent. This means that if you talk with your neighbors during class, everyone else can hear what you are saying. Please refrain from talking in order not to disturb the rest of the class.
- (4) We are generally happy to allow you to interrupt with a question during the lecture. If you are really not following what is being said, ask for clarification. As you can imagine, we have a certain amount of material to cover each day. Therefore, you will need to be prudent about interrupting. Nonetheless, if you don't understand something, chances are that others don't as well. If we do this properly, we can be responsive to you even though we are in a large lecture format. Remember, too, that the weekly discussion sessions as well as the three hours each week you have with your lab instructor are both excellent venues to get your questions addressed.
- (5) It should go without saying, (but let's say it anyway) that all electronic devices that beep, ring, or otherwise make noise must be turned off during class. Being in constant touch via cell phone or pager may have become a way of life, but in class your attention must be on the instructor and whatever we are doing at the time. Nothing breaks the rhythm of the class more effectively than the attention signal of a phone or pager.