

Below, are a series of syllabus statements adapted from Wilfrid Laurier University available at http://www.wlu.ca/documents/50198/Syllabus_statements.doc.

Currently, the University of Windsor does not have an approved set of statements for mobile devices similar to these.

For the purpose of this exercise, please select the example number you feel would best represent what you might use in your classes, and what might be appropriate or acceptable in your department, then use your clicker to respond to the corresponding example number.

Mobile Devices in the Classroom: Sample Syllabus Statements

Example #1:

Mobile devices, specifically laptops and tablets, may be used in this course for educational purposes only (i.e., learning directed related to the course). At times I may direct you to use your mobile device to complete an activity or task, other times I may ask you to close your laptop or turn off your tablet to focus your attention on other course related tasks. Failure to comply may result in you being asked to leave your device in your bag or at the front of the room for all or part of the class/course, or being asked to leave the classroom.

Example #2:

Mobile devices, specifically laptops and tablets may be used in this course for educational purposes only (i.e., learning directed related to the course). Those who choose to use such devices, except for accessibility reasons, are asked to sit at the back of the room. Use of all other mobile devices is not permitted in class. Off-task use (e.g., Facebook, texting, other) will result in your device being confiscated for the class and/or being asked to leave the classroom for all or part of the class or course.

Example #3:

Mobile devices of any kind are **not** permitted in this course except for accessibility reasons or extenuating situations. The latter will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Failure to comply with this policy will result in you being asked to leave classroom for all or part of the course.

Example #4:

Mobile devices of any kind are permitted in this course provided they are not taking away from the instruction of the course and the learning of other students (e.g., noise level, disturbing/distracting content). Both the instructor and the students are responsible for administering this rule. Students who do not feel comfortable approaching another student can email or talk to me (your professor) in person. Students who fail to comply with this policy will receive a verbal and written warning first before being asked to leave the classroom for all or part of the course.

We will discuss the results of the group's responses after everyone has made their selection.