

# Palmer's Netiquette Tips

## How to Avoid Disruptive Behavior In a Virtual Learning Environment



### Respond to a question or participate in the discussion.

If you want to speak, physically raise your hand or use the "raise hand" feature if one is available. Interrupting can be considered disruptive behavior if it happens more than once.

### Beware of distractions in your background.

Be sure that there is nothing visually distracting in the background. This also applies to noise distractions. Your pet or your child playing will be a distraction to others, as will unusual artwork, music or TV playing, or movement of others in the room with you. Consider removing these distractions and using a virtual background if the platform offers this option. Ongoing distractions may be considered disruption.

### Dress as you would for any class.

Do not forget that clothing is *not* optional! Please dress appropriately when a video is required for class.

### Avoid foul language, profanity, or inappropriate gestures.

Profanity directed at a classmate or professor can be considered threatening and/or disruptive. PBSC Panthers are respectful, considerate, and civil.

### Avoid inadvertent sharing of unwanted content.

Closing all your apps and websites will minimize the risk of you sharing something inappropriate that might result in a call from the Dean. Sharing inappropriate material can be considered a conduct violation.

### Don't type in ALL CAPS!

If you do it will look like you are screaming. Something to which no one responds well.

### Don't write anything that sounds angry or sarcastic.

Even if you intend it as a joke. Without hearing your tone of voice, your peers might not realize you're joking. This too could lead to a conduct violation.

### Respect the opinion of your classmates.

If you have an opposing opinion, do so respectfully and acknowledge the valid points in your classmate's argument. Don't badmouth others or call them names (stupid, idiot, dumb, etc.). You may disagree with their ideas but don't mock the person. Online arguments can become a disruption.

Remember the **Student Code of Conduct** applies to  
your Virtual Learning Environment!

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