

STUDENT SUPPORT AND TRANSITION SERVICES
DEPARTMENT WITHIN STUDENT AFFAIRS

Top Ten Ways *Not* To Annoy a Professor

- 10) **Don't be lazy:** Try to get information yourself.
- 9) **Turn off cell phones:** You paid for the professor's time to teach, not to listen to your conversation.
- 8) **Ask appropriate and timely questions:** Don't waste time on "I could care less" questions.
- 7) **Attend the entire class:** Let your professor know in advance that you'll be out. It's your responsibility to arrange for notes from another student. Read the syllabus and clearly understand all classroom rules and expectations.
- 6) **Be on time for class:** Being late is disrespectful and inconsiderate.
- 5) **Be honest:** Professors have already heard all the excuses.
- 4) **Work independently:** Know the rules regarding cheating and plagiarism.
- 3) **Carefully choose your issues to stand up for:** Don't bother a professor about every assignment unless your grade has the possibility to change.
- 2) **Show consistent effort in completing assigned work:** Understand the class rules and grading system. Be aware of campus resources.
- 1) **Develop a positive relationship with your professors:** You never know when you might need their help.

If you're struggling or needing support, academically or personally, call or come by our office (Room SC164) or call (480) 857-5188 for a confidential appointment.

