

Expectations for Student Conduct in the Lab

	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Safety	<i>The student ...</i> ...does not eat or drink in the lab at any time, and keeps food and beverages (<i>including water bottles</i>) stored out of the way. ...stays home if they are sick or feeling unwell. ...follows the safety instructions of the TA and the lab manual and only operates equipment or handles supplies according to those guidelines. ...behaves in a safe and mature manner that does not put others at risk.	<i>The student ...</i> ...eats or drinks in the lab, or keeps food or beverages out on the lab bench where they can cause spills. ...comes to lab sick or feeling unwell. ...disregards safety instructions or uses equipment in an unsafe or dangerous way. ...acts recklessly or in a way that puts themselves or their classmates at risk.
Etiquette	...acts in a polite and considerate way towards the TA and fellow students. ...helps their fellow students when asked. ...encourages peers to try things which they may seem hesitant about and supports others to express their ideas. ...shares equipment and makes sure that all lab partners gain experience in all aspects of an experiment.	...acts rudely, disruptively, or condescendingly towards others. ...rushes through a lab as fast as possible to get out quickly. ...dominates discussions, interrupts others, or dismisses ideas and suggestions without due consideration. ...monopolizes equipment, fails to let others have a chance to use and gain experience with equipment, or otherwise makes it harder for all students to engage in all parts of the lab.
Professionalism	...shows up to the lab on time and stays until all work is complete. ...engages and participates fully in the lab.	...comes to the lab late or leaves early before all of the work is done. ...does not engage, lets their lab partners do most of the work, or spends time on their phone/computer

	...leaves their lab station neat and in good condition for the next group, puts apparatus away, and organizes parts and components. ...reports malfunctioning and damaged equipment.	or doing other course work. ...leaves their work area a mess (even if it was messy when they arrived), does not put apparatus back where it belongs, or leaves parts and components scattered across the lab. ...leaves malfunctioning apparatus behind or returns it to storage areas.
Ethics	...conducts experiments ethically. ...maintains a complete and accurate record of all that transpired while working on an experiment. ...reports on results honestly and within the limits of what they know without exaggerating. ...collaborates with peers in the lab and exchanges ideas and thoughts on doing the experiments, using apparatus, analyzing data and interpreting results.	...omits data which do not meet a predetermined expectation. ...intentionally reduces precision of measurements so that error bars will result in agreement with expected result. ...makes claims which are not supported by the data or are contradicted by the data. ...uses other people's data, results, computer code, etc. without proper attribution.