

Netiquette at ISU

What is “Netiquette”? It is “Internet Etiquette” or the conventions of politeness about how we use the Internet and interact with others online. To provide a foundation for civility in the online learning environment, we promote the following:

Be scholarly

- **Do:** Use proper language, grammar, and spelling. Be explanatory. Justify your opinions. Credit the ideas of others; cite and link to scholarly resources.
- **Avoid:** Misinforming others when you may not know the answer. If you are guessing about something, clearly state that you do not have all the information.
- **Review:** ISU Catalog Academic Life Policies page (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife>) for more information.

Be respectful

- **Do:** Respect privacy. Respect diversity and opinions that differ from your own. Communicate tactfully and base disagreements on scholarly ideas or research evidence.
- **Avoid:** Sharing another person’s professional or personal information.
- **Review:** ISU Principles of Community page (<http://bit.ly/isuprinciples>) for more information.

Be professional

- **Do:** Represent yourself well to create an environment conducive to achieving the institution's academic mission (e.g., be truthful, accurate, run a final spell check, use a legible font, etc.).
- **Avoid:** Using profanity or participating in disruptive conduct.
- **Review:** See the ISU Student Code of Conduct (<https://bit.ly/isu-stu-conduct>).

Be polite

- **Do:** Address others by name or appropriate title and be mindful of your tone. Be polite as you would in a face-to-face situation.
- **Avoid:** Using sarcasm, being rude, or writing in all capital letters (shouting). People can easily misinterpret written words, as they lack facial expression, body language, and tone of voice to provide communication context.
- **Review:** See the ISU Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy website (<https://bit.ly/3dw85Y9>).

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