Netiquette Guidelines

GeorgetownX

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*Please be respectful*

To promote the best educational experience possible, we ask each student to respect the opinions and thoughts of other students and be courteous in the way that you choose to express yourself. Terrorism and Counterterrorism topics elicit – and should elicit -- passionate and controversial debates. However, informed debate should never give way to insult, rudeness, or anything that might detract from the learning process. GUIX-501-01x students should be respectful and considerate of all opinions.

In order for us to have meaningful discussions, we must learn to understand what others are saying and be open-minded about others’ opinions. If you want to persuade someone to see things differently, it is much more effective to do so in a *polite, non-threatening way* rather than to do so antagonistically. Everyone has insights to offer based on his or her experiences, and we can all learn from one another. Civility is essential: Our teaching assistants can, and will, remove students from the class who detract from the learning process with insulting comments on the course-wide discussion boards. At the discretion of the course team, individuals will be removed from the class on their first offensive or inappropriate statement, and all threads relating to that statement will also be removed from the course discussion boards.

*Look before you write*

Prior to posting a question or comment on the discussion board, the Georgetown course team asks that you look to see if any of your classmates have raised the same question. Upvote questions that are similar to your own or that are also of interest to you instead of starting a new thread. This will greatly help our Georgetown TAs best monitor the discussions and bring important questions to Professor Byman’s attention.

*Use the discussion board for course-related posts only*

Although we encourage students to get to know one another, please use the discussion board as for course content conversations only.

*Properly and promptly notify us of technical issues*

Although we do not predict technical issues, they can and may happen. To make sure these receive prompt attention, post details about any technical issues directly on the “Technical” discussion thread or email technical@edx.org directly.