

## Commentary: Five Things Professors Can Do To Be Respectful in the Fall

### 1. *P-A-T-R-O-N-I-Z-E M-E-E-E-E-!-!-!*

I don't pay tuition to learn the dumb stuff you teach in your courses. I pay tuition so you can validate my superior intellect. I watched the "History" and "Science" channels on cable growing up, so I know all that stuff inside and out. The Human Race is a product of sexy sex between Nostradamus, Heinrich Himmler, and a Yeti, so stop selling me your "evidence" based information. And if I fail it's your fault, not mine. I know this because of all that moronic "learning outcome" crap you have to turn in. So retain me, chump monkey! Or else your precious job goes poof.

### 2. *Stop Talking*

Lecture lecture lecture, blah blah blah, teach teach teach, just SHUT UP already. Why not let me talk once in a while, or just stare at me quietly while I pick my nose and play Candy Crush for 55 minutes. I come from a generation of "interactive learners." We don't know how to do old fashioned things like "listen," "concentrate," and "sit still." How do you know that Otto Von Bismark's policy of *realpolitik* can't be organically intuited by the class through 30 minutes with some play-dough and a game of Twister?

### 3. *Employers Don't Have Attendance Policies. Why do you?*

I'm here so that I can get a job, so why are you making me show up and sit here for an hour and ten minutes TWICE every week? I have lots of other important things going on, you know. Maybe you've seen my mad Ping Pong skillz in the student union, or noticed that my goldfish hasn't been fed since 8AM this morning. And my fingernails need some serious clipping. 11:10 on Thursdays are my nap-time. Deal with it. Or I'll write you a long-winded, snarky, and grammatically hilarious SITE evaluation.

### 4. *Can I Take My Own Special Version of the Final at a Special Time Set Aside Just For Me?*

My family is going on vacation, and they seem to have forgotten I was in college, and that there are tests and stuff, and they already paid for my plane ticket, so can I take the final early? If you say yes, I'll tell all my friends how cool you are and their families will also decide to take off for Cancun on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You don't have anything else to do, right? Because I like personal one-on-one testing that accommodates my busy schedule and active lifestyle. Also, after you make that special accommodation, I'll still be 30 minutes late. Because that's how we roll in my world, cuz!

### 5. *Gimme Stuff*

I have no respect for you and your fancy graduate degree. I show up when I want, turn in assignments when I want, and whine like a spoiled four-year-old child whenever I don't get what I want. So can you write me a letter of recommendation? It's due tomorrow. Also, is there any extra credit? No? You're such a jerk!

Sincerely,

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