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SUGGESTIONS ON RELATING TO INSTRUCTORS

How you communicate with your professor affects how well you do in a course. In general, professors are likely to be impressed with students who show a genuine interest in their course material and ask good questions. The best way to get on your professor's good side is to be an "interested" student.

The following are some strategies to demonstrate your interest and curiosity in the class:

- Don't criticize, condemn, or complain to the teacher about his or her performance; rather focus on, and discuss, the material and your understanding of it.
- Smile.
- Know and use the teacher's name.
- Be respectful of all of the people in class and the learning environment.
- Avoid arguing.
- If you are wrong, admit it quickly and emphatically.
- Ask questions and participate when able.
- Try honestly to see the point that the teacher is making about a topic.
- Let the teacher know that you sincerely want to do well in the course.
- Always have the course textbook in your hand if you are asking the instructor a question about information from the book.
- Hand in all assignments on time throughout the semester.

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If this was helpful you can get more useful information by taking a **Learn 11** class.