Classroom Etiquette for Online Studio Classes

It is important to recognize that the Online Studio classroom is in fact a classroom and certain behaviors are expected when you communicate with both your fellow students and your teacher, just as you would in a chapter or seminar face-to-face class.

Classroom etiquette is one of the ways in which students and teachers demonstrate respect for one another and the art form. Teachers and students both benefit from a classroom setting that is an active and positive place of learning. In an effort to achieve this goal, all participants should strive for an environment of reciprocal respect (student to student, student to teacher and teacher to student).

Remember not to take all of the teacher's time. Share them with others.

Read all of the material, sometimes reading it several times so that you understand each lesson.

Teachers are hired because they have displayed expertise in areas or techniques which the group wants to learn. If your normal procedure is different, give the new way a trial. Don't discuss other teachers or their styles/techniques.

When communicating via the discussion group, you should always:

- Treat your instructor and fellow students with respect.
- Use clear and concise language.
- Avoid using the caps lock feature AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETTED AS YELLING.
- Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in a discussion post and your message might be taken seriously or sound offensive.
- Try to be understanding of others when they post. It is very different than simply talking to a person face-to-face.
- Before posting a question, check the discussion group to see if anyone else has asked it already and received a reply.
- Your teacher will be monitoring the discussion group on a regular basis and will respond to your postings as soon as possible.

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And lastly, *have fun and enjoy the opportunities afforded by taking an Online Studio class!*