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Classroom Participation Standards

Background

UBC Midwifery classroom-based (i.e. non-skills-related) courses are designed for one of two methods of delivery:

- a) Blended – including in-person classroom and video-conferencing technology, or
- b) Online – without an in-person component

Most online classes are held synchronously, with the possibility of asynchronous components such as modules or pre-recorded lectures.

Starting in fall 2023, there will be classrooms in Vancouver, Surrey and Victoria. A faculty member will be in the classroom, unless there are no students in that location taking the course, or unless other arrangements are made with the faculty member.

Students who want to attend classes exclusively online must apply to be a part of the DOME (Distributed Option for Midwifery Education) cohort, by emailing the Manager of Student Services, before the first day of the term. The MSSC will review and approve these applications. The DOME cohort is intended for people who live more than one hour average driving time from a classroom. The choice of online participation *may* be offered to reduce student commuting time that is better spent in clinical practice or studies.

Classroom attendance and online engagement are a component of the course participation grade. The Course Lead determines how attendance and class engagement will be assessed and graded. This is posted in the course syllabus. Where there is flexibility, instructors may ask students to decide on attendance format at the beginning of term. Once the classroom format is determined, students are expected to adhere to the determined format for the term.

Classroom attendance expectations are based on the following principles:

Blended Classes

- Students are expected to actively contribute to each class in either format, whether in person or online.
- Students attending classes in person (i.e. not the DOME cohort) are expected to attend all classes in person, unless otherwise arranged with the Course Lead.
- Attendance expectations may be altered during snow or icy weather. The Course Lead will determine any changes to attendance expectations, and will notify students as soon as possible, in advance of the class.

- In the event of illness, students are not required to attend classes. If desired, students may choose to participate online instead. Arrangements should be made with the Course Lead in advance of the class.
- Students needing to follow public health guidelines for themselves or their family members that might limit attendance may make attendance arrangements with the course lead.

Online classes (and online participation in Blended classes)

Students are expected to:

- sign in before the start of class time.
- have a quiet area for class attendance with limited interruptions.
- have their cameras on during class wherever possible, unless there is a reason not to. The camera should be placed on a stable, level surface with minimal movement. As a courtesy, if a student needs to have their camera off for a whole class, this should be discussed with the Course Lead at the beginning of class.
- have microphones turned off when they are not speaking.
- not be driving a car or other vehicle, while videoconferencing or phoning into a class.
- participate in discussions and other class activities as outlined by the course lead.

For all classes, both in-person and online students are expected to have sufficient arrangements in place to enable them to be fully present and focused during class time.