

ESCI 439 CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Course Norms (draft version)

To be reviewed, revised, and adopted by the group during second week of the quarter.

- 1 Show up. Attend classes and field trips. Exception if you test positive or have symptoms of any infectious illness, including COVID-19. See [course illness policies](#).
- 2 Stay home, rest, and heal if you feel sick. Make your health and health of others your top priority. See [course illness policies](#).
- 3 Prepare for class discussions. Read sources and watch videos listed for each class, before the class meeting.
- 4 Participate in class discussions and field trips. Contribute via speaking, listening, and understanding as appropriate.
- 5 Participate equitably in class discussions. If you have not yet spoken, push yourself to contribute your thoughts, ideas, and reflections. Let others speak if you have spoken often already during a discussion.
- 6 Show respect, support, compassion, and kindness to other course participants.
- 7 Demonstrate respect, honor, and care for the places we visit and all their inhabitants.
- 8 Assume positive intent of others; attend to your own impacts. Consider feedback on your impacts to be a generous gift.
- 9 Many topics in conservation involve charged issues and may provoke difficult emotions. If you need to pause or step away to protect your mental or emotional health, you should indicate such and do so. Others should respect your decision, just as they would respect a decision to refrain from eating foods that would make you sick or to walk around a river rapid you do not feel comfortable running.
- 10 Approach conflicts and conflict resolution as learning and growth opportunities. Avoid silent confusion and silent disagreement. Challenge ideas while valuing and respecting the person.
- 11 Practice intellectual honesty and integrity, including standards defined by WWU at the following links.
Academic honesty <https://wp.wwu.edu/academichonesty/>
Academic honesty, integrity and other policies: <https://syllabi.wwu.edu/>
- 12 Contribute equitably in group projects, and work toward mutual accountability among all group members.