

ESCI 309 Grand Canyon: Participant Norms

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

- 1 Show up. Attend all group activities. Exception if you test positive or have symptoms of any infectious illness, including COVID-19. See [GC COVID policies](#).
- 2 Avoid contexts and activities with medium or greater risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Due to the length of COVID-19 incubation and infectiousness periods, this norm applies rigorously starting December 1, including personal time. It also is recommended throughout fall quarter. If you learn you have been exposed, develop symptoms, or test positive, follow [GC COVID policies](#).
- 3 Follow all WWU and course risk management and safety policies, including trip-specific policies determined during pre-trip environmental briefings.
- 4 Show respect, support, compassion, and kindness to other course participants.
- 5 Assume positive intent; attend to your own impacts.
- 6 Demonstrate respect, honor, and care for the places we visit and all their inhabitants. (Some exceptions for invasive species permitted.)
- 7 Practice expedition behavior throughout the program, including maintaining a group mentality, developing and exercising competence, effective communication, sound judgement, self-awareness, and tolerance of adversity and uncertainty.
- 8 Give priority to fulfilling group needs before individual desires.
- 9 Treat group gear with appropriate care, commensurate or better than care you give to your personal gear.
- 10 Treat personal gear of other participants as they would, or as you would treat your own gear – whichever standard is higher.
- 11 Practice intellectual honesty and integrity, including standards defined by WWU at the following link.
<https://wp.wvu.edu/academichonesty/>
<https://syllabi.wvu.edu/>
- 12 Contribute equitably in group projects, and work toward mutual accountability among all group members.
- 13 Participate actively in all course programs. Contribute via speaking, listening, and understanding as appropriate to group meetings, discussions, and decision sessions. Approach conflicts and conflict resolution as learning and growth opportunities. Avoid silent confusion and silent disagreement.
- 14 No “beef stew.” “No yucking someone’s yum.”