Yale SOM Classroom Standard

About

The classroom is a critical component of the SOM experience. A large percentage of your time at Yale is spent in class with your peers and this represents an amazing opportunity to acquire knowledge, practice skills, build habits, and learn from one another. The classroom, like any public setting, is only as good as the people inside it. Thus, it is incumbent on each student individually to always strive toward a stronger classroom standard. Through being engaged whilst in the classroom you will make your time (and the time of others) more constructive, positive, and meaningful.

It is understood that competing interests will occasionally cause you to miss class; it is simply the expectation that you manage your absence in a timely and professional manner within the stated confines of class policies. The true cost of anything is what you must give up to get it.

The Classroom Standard

*While in class we uphold our community's norms:*

1. **We prepare by**
   * Reading and completing assigned material before class
   * Arriving to class on time

2. **We engage by**
   * Staying in class for the duration of the class period
   * Actively listening and participating in the class discussion
   * Refraining from the use of laptops, tablets, and phones, so as not to distract ourselves or our peers.

3. **We sustain by**
   * Holding one another accountable for their adherence to the classroom standard
   * Reflecting on class time and seeking out ways to make it more productive
   * Seeking to understand and appreciate then perspectives of others [both in and outside the classroom]