In what ways is the American classroom different?

- Different types of instructors coming from academia and industry
- Variety of teaching and learning environments
- Interactive and collaborative classrooms
- Critical and independent thinking is encouraged and expected
- Academic integrity and academic freedom are at the center of everything we do
Types of Instructors

Faculty/Professor
- PhD in the field
- Teaching, Research, and Service

Clinical Faculty/Senior Lecturer
- Prior professional experience in the field
- Teaching and Service

Teaching Assistant (TA)
- PhD or Master student in the field
Ways to interact with your Instructor

Inside the classroom
• Ask/Answer questions
• Share ideas/opinions

Outside the classroom
• Office Hours
• Email
• Carmen
Syllabus: This is your class contract

SBS 1100 Syllabus  
Autumn Semester 2013  

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Texts:  
- Degree Planning Manual (provided by instructor)  
- “The Submission” (provided by OSU)  

Course Objectives  
- To learn about your major and the General Education Curriculum  
- To plan your degree at The Ohio State University  
- To understand University dates/deadlines and other policies
Classroom Types & Interactions

1. Lectures

2. Recitations/Discussions

3. Labs and Seminars
Classroom Type #1: Lecture

These are the most common classroom type

• Can be small (50 students) or large (500+ students)
• Instructor is the one doing most of the talking and will share new knowledge, research, and examples about class topics
Lectures: Professor’s expectations

Your instructor expects you to:

• Attend every class
• Listen attentively and take notes
• Ask questions if you do not understand
• Be ready to participate when called upon

Yes! Professors will ask questions of the whole class and of individual students – even in the large lecture halls. They will expect you to have an answer so you must be prepared.
Lectures: How can you prepare?

- Complete all reading assignments BEFORE the lecture session
- Sit in the front of the room
- Be ready to raise your hand and ask questions if you do not understand
- Take notes and listen closely
- Keep your phone in your bag
Classroom Type #2: Recitation (Discussion) Sessions

- Smaller class meetings (20-40 students) typically led by a graduate Teaching Assistant (TA)
Recitations: Instructor’s expectations

These classes are very interactive – the instructor expects you to:

- Participate in the class discussion every day
- Share your ideas and opinions
- Bring questions and new ideas
- Take quizzes and complete interactive activities

**For many classes, a percentage of your final grade will be for class participation. You must participate actively in class in order to get a good grade.**
Classroom Type #3: Laboratory or Seminar

- Most interactive learning environment
- Work individually or in groups
- Participation is frequent and mandatory

GROUP PROJECTS!
- Can be short or long-term
- Simulate the “real world”
Office of International affairs video
Group Project Activity
Activity Group Discussion:

- What made this activity challenging?
Group Projects: Tips for Success

- Listen carefully to the directions from your instructor
- Do your own work!
- Communicate with your group frequently
- Don’t procrastinate!