What course policies create barriers for students?

- Time limits
- Mandatory attendance
- All tests must be taken on paper
- Office hours by appointment only
- Technology policy - not allowing students to use laptops in class to take notes.
- Attendance policies
- for online learning, requiring a camera be on
- Attendance policies
- Mandatory attendance
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Having cameras on
- No technology (phones, laptops, etc.) in the classroom
- Inflexible attendance policies (especially with remote learning)
- Word counts
- Doctor's notes
- No getting up & leaving the room during class, including bathroom breaks
- Attendance policies
- Tardy penalties
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Single test/exam dates with no flexibility
- No laptops in class
- Strict attendance policies - i.e., after X absences you fail
- Technology requirements
- Required attendance/participation grades
- Textbook policies — specific editions, buying books, etc.
- Class participation policies that are too narrow
- Technology requirements
- Strict participation points
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Required attendance for all classes - no exceptions
- Research papers only
- Synchronous online instruction
- Strict attendance policies.
- Attendance - must be on-time to class, must attend all classes
- Attendence
- All final examinations must be taken at one time, on one day, in one place.
- No technology in class (laptop, phone, etc.)
- Late policies are the worst
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Requiring live, in-class participation
- Little/no variety in assessment type
- Policies that require students to speak live in front of an audience.
- What desks/chairs are available in classrooms
- Late work and exceptions for make-up tests
- Synchronous Zoom sessions, camera-on sessions
- Requiring a specific citation style might limit students from outside your own discipline
- Required synchronous attendance and required vocal participation, with high penalties for missing classes
- Lack of a clear grading rubric.
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Never sharing slides ahead of time so that students "pay attention" during class
- Policies which require that students participate in vocal discussion "meaningfully" each class period
- Strict instructions on how to engage with the peers in terms of lengthy online discussions
- Punishing students for being late to in-person classes - esp. if they rely on public transportation
- Required textbooks with online access codes
- Theatre course that required to see a production that used strobe lights
- Attendance policies, late assignments policies, participation requirements
- Time-limited testing
- Bring physical copies of text to class
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Required camera on during Zoom
- Not sharing enough content for the full course sequence
- Attendance; tests
- Submission format requirements, i.e. Word, PDF, etc.
- Requiring specific information sources for an assignment, i.e. one book, one article, one encyclopedia entry
- Location of the building where classes are
- No phones/laptops in class
- Attendance policies
- No absences w/o written proof
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Attendance, required reading lists
- Attendance, deadlines, format of submitted work, required communication/participation, required texts (SS)
- Inflexible deadlines, and being unwilling to stray from original policies when circumstances change - for example, when the pandemic hit earlier this year!
- Only use references in the last 5 years
- Attendance!
- Office hours, formats for file submission, testing software that locks down browsers etc.
- Participation being graded only through one mode (e.g., talking in class)
- Proctoring software
- Technology and equipment required
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Group work outside class time: Not all spaces are accessible to students and outside class time transfers the burden to them.
- No technology in in-person classes
- Mandatory textbooks
- Classroom fees/supplies
- Absence policies where points are taken off for a certain amount of absences or you are dropped from the class for missing a certain amount of classes.
- Class participation/online participation: some articulate better verbally vs. written
- Attendance, participation, reliance on written communication, need for live video
- Big projects with no check-in steps along the way (e.g., things like annotated bibliographies, outlines, etc.)
- Requirements to speak up in class discussion
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin
- Sort of tangential but inconsistent use of course terminology
- Having stated office hours without options for outside appointments or flexibility
- Strict attendance, requiring students to share their responses with their peers
- Requiring hard copies of assignments
- No late work. Students must turn on their cameras for Zoom sessions. Students must be “properly dressed” for class Zoom sessions. Attendance policies.
- Late to class policies
- Policies that don’t allow making up missed work
- Require video
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Minimal/no breaks for in-person (or synchronous) classes
- Timed tests
- Only use library catalog of database for assignments
- Online course platforms that have a set date and time. You are penalized if submit work past the time limit for example midnight.
- Doctor’s notes
- With virtual learning, any policy or practice which mandates students have access to fast bandwidth
- Grades, at all
- Food/drink policies
- Eating policies
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Attendance policies (max # of absences allowed before it affects grades)
- Policies surrounding tardiness and credit for attendance
- no food in class
- Attendance policies
- required group work
- required assignments to be turned in with hard copy (I had a prof who made us slide it under his office door by 9am)
- Strict requirements rather than loose ones
- Busy work
- requiring students to disclose their pronouns (okay as an option but not as a requirement)
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What course policies create barriers for students?

- Having to share your video when participating in class
- Only use 12 point font for references and must be 3 pages (page limits/requirements) for assignments
- High-stakes assessments
- Synchronous online classes with little to no asynchronous elements
- Requiring a 360 view of work environment (some online classes are now requiring)
- Dripping content out week by week instead of releasing multiple weeks or the whole course can be a barrier. I have a really difficult time reading and I've found that I need to get a head start on work in order to be able to do what's asked of me.
- Classes that don't provide all the relevant assignment information in an easy to access online site.
- Requiring the use of proctoring technology or tools like Turnitin
- No bathroom breaks or rest breaks
What course policies create barriers for students?

- No flexibility for last-minute extensions - emergencies happen!
- Expensive course materials
- No personal time built in
- What does class participation look like?
- Print and staple completed assignments
- Assigning only technology-based homework (courseware questions & quizzes)
- Rubric - can go either way, sometimes rubric is equitable, other times too constraining
- Expensive required course materials
- Asking for assignments to be printed out instead of submitted to course space/LMS
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Grading that averages in Zeros for missing assignments. If point grades are turned into percentages anyway, then an F is 50 not 0.
- Not allowed to take photos of slides or record lecture for content that aren’t available online. Also not allowing students to type notes in this situation.
- Reading out loud in class.
- No chance to help craft the class style.
- Lack of resources.
- Test technology that makes you have a camera on.
- Strict presentation requirements.
- Exam proctoring!
- Refusing to provide trigger warnings.
What course policies create barriers for students?

- Socratic style of teaching or "calling out" students on the spot
- No pets on camera policies
- No use of Google or Wikipedia
- Restrictive eating/drinking/dressing policies
- Citation style requirement and points off for punctuation
- Dress code