

# Community Guidelines

Students of Math 53 Fall 23 discussions 108 and 111

In order to foster an effective and safe learning environment, the students of discussions 108 and 111 have decided on some guidelines that all should follow.

## Respect

- (i) Be conscious of words and body language that can be discouraging. Avoid sighing, rolling eyes, laughing, using rude language.
- (ii) Open dialogues with others as equals. For example, if you notice that you came to a different answer, say “I got something different – can we compare our work?” or even “I *think* there’s a mistake – can we check it together?” rather than “That’s a mistake.”

## Listen

- (i) Do not talk over someone who is currently speaking, wait for your turn.
- (ii) Give the speaker your full attention and seek to understand what they have to say.

## Active Participation

- (i) Please share your thoughts, ideas, opinions, etc. Different explanations will help or make sense to different people, and different perspectives are essential to successful problem solving.
- (ii) Come to class with some preparation, whether that means reviewing last lectures notes for 10 minutes or a question about the current homework. Being prepared and contributing to discussions benefits everyone in our group and in our class.

## Collaboration

- (i) Make sure everyone has space in your group. For example, everyone should have a turn with the chalk.
- (ii) Help! If you someone in your group seems confused, ask what is confusing them. Keeping track of your groupmates and keeping everyone on the same page is important for successful collaboration.
- (iii) Explain your processes, don’t just give a solution. This is important to keep everyone on the same page (ii)

## Questions and Mistakes are Good

- (i) Ask questions and make mistakes! They will help everyone learn.
- (ii) Be encouraging of questions and attempts at solving problems. It will make it easier for everyone to succeed at (i).