

SVI DEALING WITH DIFFICULT STUDENT WORKSHOP
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Definition: Disruptive behavior is any behavior that interferes with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to profit from instruction.

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Disruptive student behavior continuum

**Low
level
disruption**

**medium
level
disruption**

**high
level
disruption**

Examples of disruptive student behavior

- Making distracting noises
- Persistent talking/speaking without being recognized
- Repeated interruption
- Resorting to physical and/or verbal threats (bullying)
- Resorting to personal insults
- Forms of harassment: sexual, homophobic, racial
- Poor personal hygiene
- Inappropriate use of electronic devices, cell phones or pagers
- Checking emails in class on laptops
- Sleeping in class
- Entering class late or leaving early
- Eating and drinking in class without permission
- Disputing authority and arguing with faculty and other students
- Grandstanding
- Repeated refusals to comply with reasonable requests or deadlines
- Unreasonable/untrue or exaggerated complaints to other parties
- Slamming doors
- Non-verbal signals of disrespect (i.e., intimidating posture)
- Persistent and unreasonable demands for time and attention
- Organized groups of disruptive students/targeting/group intimidation