Norms are ways of working together that help groups be more thoughtful and productive. You can think of norms as ground rules for how the class and everyone in it will operate. We will be together for an entire semester and in that time we will be taking a journey together. That journey will be at times frustrating, exhilarating, exhausting and rewarding. All of the norms exist for a specific purpose. To help maximize our time together, the following norms are proposed:

- When participating in a discussion, raise your hand and be recognized to speak unless directed otherwise.
- Cell phones should be set to silent, put away and out of sight.
- Once you’re in class, stay in class.
- During class discussions, focus on what’s being said.
- During class work, focus on what’s being done.