UNLV MFT Program Policy Around the Use of Technology

Students have a responsibility to conduct themselves in class and in the libraries in ways that do not interfere with the rights of other students to learn or of instructors to teach. The UNLV MFT Program supports the use of technology in and out of the classroom for educational purposes. We expect that students will conduct themselves in such a manner consistent with the ethics and high standard of the profession of MFT.

The use of the following is allowed in classrooms:

- Laptops (without wifi engaged)
- Tablets (without wifi engaged)

Computers should be used for note-taking and only with the instructor’s permission. Students using these devices for note-taking must turn off the wireless function and close all applications/windows other than the appropriate document or application unless the instructor specifically permits otherwise. Students who require access to hand-held or wireless technology as assistive measures for documented disabilities may use them according to stipulations.

The use of the following is not allowed in classrooms:

- MP3 players
- iPods
- cellular phones/smartphones
- cameras and other recording devices

Such devices must be silenced or turned off and should not be taken out during course meetings. Students must avoid non course-related activities such as checking email or social networking sites, web-surfing, or playing games because these diminish their—and their classmates’—engagement with instructional activities. This includes accessing wifi, surfing the internet, checking or posting in social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram), sending emails or text messages.

Students may not post ANY material from classes on the internet or other personal networking sites without the explicit, written permission of the instructor and all other class participants. Electronic audio or video recording of the classroom environment is prohibited unless permission is given by the instructor prior to recording. Students who need to use voice recorders for class lectures must receive the explicit permission of the instructor in order to do so. Finally, at no time is it acceptable to make comments disparaging the reputation of a classmate, instructor, or other professional online or offline, in or out of class.

When a personal emergency, family care responsibilities or employment situations require access to electronic communication devices, arrangements must be made in advance with the instructor.

If inappropriate usage of technology is brought to our attention, the instructor and/or faculty will take immediate action. If computers or similar electronic devices are used for texting, e-mail, or internet connection (without the explicit permission of the instructor), the instructor may revoke
the privilege of using a computer in that class. Other potential consequences include but are not limited to: rescinding permission to use such devices at any time, losing participation points, dropping one grade level, initiation of an administrative drop of the course, and/or initiation of a corrective action plan process. Students with multiple violations of this policy may not be permitted computer use in any future classes.

The use of computers in the classroom is a privilege, not a right. Student behavior should be courteous, respectful of others, consistent with the expectations set forth by the university. Please know that we take student conduct seriously. It is inappropriate and unethical to disparage other professionals in any forum.