Use of Personal Electronic Devices

Purpose

While they are useful and convenient tools for the student, personal electronic devices can be a source of distraction for others and a potential temptation towards unethical behavior when used inappropriately and/or unprofessionally during a student’s learning experience.

The purpose of this policy is to set some basic guidelines for the use of personal electronic devices, as well as encouraging the professional and respectful use of these devices, during the CLS learning experience.

Definition

Personal electronic devices are defined as electronic, portable, entertainment, communication, and/or information storage devices. These devices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cellular phones/Smart Phones (Blackberry, iPhones, etc.)
- Tablets
- Laptop and handheld computers
- Media players (includes MP3 players, IPODS, IPADs, audio & video players, etc.)
- Audio and Video recorders

Regulations

The use of personal electronic devices during graded activities and/or feedback sessions, including assessments, coaching reports, laboratories and clinical preceptorships, is prohibited unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.

The use of personal electronic devices during instructional activities, including lectures, laboratories and clinical preceptorships, is prohibited unless explicit authorization is obtained from the instructor, with the following possible exceptions:
Behavior During Production of Work to be Graded, Continued

- Use of personal electronic devices is permitted for the purpose of taking notes upon authorization of the course instructor
- Personal electronic devices may be used to make an audio recording of a lecture only with permission of the instructor
- Use of cellular phones may be permitted for emergency contact purposes if pre-arranged with the instructor prior to the start of the activity

Personal electronic devices may not be used under these exceptions for the purpose of non-emergency communication or entertainment and should be turned off before the start of the instructional or graded activity.

Photocopying, photographing, aural narration, audio recording, or taking digital pictures of any exam, test, quiz, assessment, lab work, course work, assignment, coaching report, or any other graded material is strictly forbidden.

If Personal Electronic Devices are not authorized, the device(s) are required to be stored in a backpack or purse during instructional and graded activities.