Electronic Devices in the Classroom

Policy T122

Purpose

Since electronic devices may be disruptive to the classroom environment or be used in an inappropriate manner, the following policy is formulated to guide usage of these devices in the classroom in order to ensure that the classroom environment is conducive to learning.

Statement of Policy

Electronic devices to include, but not limited to, cell phones, programmable calculators, pagers, personal data assistant(PDA), headsets and CD players and video cameras are subject to the following restrictions:

1. All cell phones and pagers should be turned off in classrooms unless express permission is granted by the instructor.

2. Students may use laptops and PDAs in the classroom to take notes or do work that is relevant to the class. The unauthorized checking or sending e-mail, playing games or surfing the web are considered disruptive activities when class is in session.

3. The unauthorized use of the above noted electronic devices during an exam without the express permission of the instructor shall be considered as cheating and subject to penalties as defined in the course syllabus and in Policy 107.