

## **Code of Conduct for the English Department of the University of Giessen**

In the interest of fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and creating an environment conducive to concentrated study, we the students and faculty of the English Department agree to abide by the following standards of conduct.

We mutually agree to try to communicate in English whenever possible.

Further, we agree:

—to maintain a polite and considerate atmosphere by, for instance, not eating in class, arriving punctually, not talking when other students or faculty are speaking, and generally abstaining from disrespectful verbal or non-verbal behaviors towards fellow students or faculty;

—to use electronic devices only when they are specifically needed for class. This includes, but is not limited to, making phone calls, surfing, playing games, texting, chatting, tweeting, skypeing, communicating electronically in any other way, or listening to music or other recordings;

—to attend class regularly and to fulfill mutually agreed upon assignments such as holding a presentation during a given class session;

—to respect the highest standards of academic integrity and to not plagiarize by always providing references and sources in academic work.

We agree that maintaining these standards will enhance our ability to learn with and from one another.

—the *Geschäftsführung* in cooperation with the *Fachschaft*