

## HOW TO

email your
professor about
concerns regarding
synchronous/
asynchronous
classes



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# Having trouble with synchronous vs asynchronous classes?

Office hours are a great way to get to know your professors and get extra help or ask questions!

Can't attend office hours? Send an email!

### **Email formula**

Subject line + Greeting + Body + Thank you + Closing





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## **Email tips**

#### **TONE:**

It's important that the tone of your email is polite and respectful, you don't want to offend faculty and staff.

#### Trick:

You can install an extension of Grammarly that will tell you how your emails sound + it will correct your grammar.

There is a free and a paid version.





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## **Email tips**

#### **SUBJECT LINE:**

Be clear what your email is about

- Include the name and the number of the course + section you are in
- Include the topic/reason of your email
- Eg: ANTH 20 -01 Midterm on Nov. 17

ESYS 101 Question about Lecture





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## **Email tips**

#### **GREETINGS:**

Hello Prof. + their last name,

Good morning \_\_\_\_, Good afternoon\_\_\_\_

#### Professors name

Note: it's better to address your professor as Professor/Prof. + their last name instead of Dr. + last name because "Dr." may not apply to all faculty

You can use Dr. if you are sure that the professor has a PhD or it's how they prefer to be addressed

Ex: Hello Professor Jones: Good afternoon Prof. Peters,





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## **Email tips**

#### **BODY:**

Introduce yourself + the class/section you are in

- Helpful to include if this is the first time you are contacting faculty!
- My name is <u>your first</u> + <u>last name</u>,
   I am in <u>your name of the class</u> +
   section class

Include why you are email them

Eg: I had a question about \_\_\_ could you help me with it?

I noticed that our midterm will take place on <u>date + time</u>, however, in my country it will be <u>time</u>. Would it be possible for me to take the midterm at a different time?





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## **Email tips**

#### **THANK YOU:**

It's important to conclude with a "Thank you"

Eg: Thank you for your help with this. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

#### **CLOSING:**

Best, Your first and last name

Sincerely, Your first and last name





## A GOOD Example:)

Subject: INTL 101-01 Homework assignment

Hello Prof. Jones,

My name is Katherine Peters, and I am a student in your Culture and Society in International Perspective course. I was working on homework and was confused about question 3. Could you please explain the concepts to me?

Thank you!

Best, Katherine Peters





## A BAD Example:(

Subject: grades

Hi,

You gave me a zero on my homework assignment but I totally turned it in!

-Craig

