What is Expected of Participants in ICC Workshops and Seminars

ICC workshops and seminars offer students training on a variety of language and cultural skills that will help them be more successful as students and as professionals in their field. While most ICC classes do not carry academic units, students can get credit for ICC hours (required for restricted status ITAs). In order to benefit from ICC classes and to get ICC attendance hours, students should understand the following:

- ICC workshops and seminars are highly interactive (a feature necessary for any language classroom). For learning to work for both the individual student and rest of the class, every student is expected to participate actively in class discussions, group/pair work, writing exercises, and all other class activities.

- Before registering for a class, students need to make sure that they are free to attend the full session (e.g., 2 hours for seminars, 5 weeks/90 minutes each session for workshops). Students who come late or leave early will not get these ICC hours added to their record.

- Students are expected to arrive on time for an ICC class (ideally a few minutes before the posted start time). Research shows that when students come late to class, they detract from their classmates’ learning and interrupt the instructor’s train of thought. Not only does the late student miss important foundation information, the distraction created may cause their classmates to miss it too.

- As research on learning shows, unexpected noises and movement automatically divert and capture people's attention, which means you are affecting everyone’s learning experience if your cell phone, iPad, laptop, or other devices make noise or are visually distracting during class. For this reason, the ICC policy is that:
  - Students are expected to turn off mobile devices and close laptops at the start of classes (if a phone accidentally rings, either turn it off immediately or quietly leave the room if it is an emergency).
  - Students can use laptops or smart-phones for note taking or for web searches related to class exercises, but the sound must be turned off so that other students' learning is not disrupted.
  - No text messaging or email is permitted during class.