

## Top 10 Professor Pet Peeves

*After polling the faculty and staff at UTPB these are the things students do or don't do that "bug" professors most.*

1. **Habitual Tardiness**— Sign of bad scheduling, poor time management, and laziness. Students who do this every class and have no regard for what is going in class when they interrupt.
2. **Cell Phones (calls and text messaging)**—Even phones on vibrate bug some professors. If they don't make their policy known to you, ASK, don't assume its okay to answer your phone in the middle of their lecture. Text messaging is also rude-it interrupts your thought process and is distracting to others- even if you don't think so.
3. **Rude Students**—Students who reading newspapers, do homework for other classes, spend time talking, snickering, etc are all on the top of what bugs professors at UTPB. IT'S RUDE!!!
4. **Misuse of English Language- written and spoken**—You are in a university course formal use of language is expected by most professors when writing papers and even on essay tests. Don't over use words such as "very" or "extremely". Take your papers to writing center if you aren't sure if you are writing properly or up to your prof's expectations. You could also ask the professor to look over it before you turn it in.
5. **Absenteeism**—If you must miss, consider contacting your professor before class to let them know. Also, get notes from a class mate and try to get assignment to the class on time anyway. Many profs have an attendance policy and you missing class could be reflected on your grade for the course. If you think you can't make it to an 8:00 class then don't take it, try a different time!
6. **Asking "Did I miss anything"**—OF COURSE YOU DID!!!-- One professor replies with "Of course not... I decided since you weren't here I decided we just couldn't go on without you!" Why would there be class if you weren't going to miss anything! Try rewording that question, or LOOK AT THE SYLLABUS!
7. **Not coming to class prepared- not doing homework, reading, asking questions.**—Homework is assigned for a reason, it is something you need to know for the class and probably a grade. The readings listed on the syllabus are meant to be done BEFORE you attend class for that day.
8. **Not asking for help when in need!**—Don't wait until it is too late to ask for help. If you are having difficulty in a class go to the professor and express this concern as soon as you realize you are having a problem. It does not help you to ignore the problem or assume the professor is going to come find you to discuss your failing grade. There are professors who will offer extra credit; you just have to go find out.
9. **NOT using Spell Check**—This is a great invention –USE IT! Check everything before you turn it in. YOU ARE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT- your work should be representative of the excellence expected from university students. Also, check over what spell check suggests and make sure it is the proper usage of the word it chose, and is the correct spelling for that word. It is still only a computer program and is prone to have errors. **Another suggestion is to turn in work to OWL (Online Writing Lab) or in person to the Writing Center- they can also edit for you.**
10. **Late work**—due dates are there for a reason!

**Others that professors mentioned include:** Illegible handwriting, getting ready to leave early, leaving early, over use of common adjectives in writing, waiting until drop date to discuss failing grades, no name on papers