

Rev. Keisha Kogan Field Education - Small Group Dynamics

Inclusive language - this extends beyond not gendering God. If you have another name for God or don't like to use God please make that known during introductions. And inclusive language includes the personal use of pronouns. So, please identify which pronoun you prefer when introducing yourself also. We will be operating under the premise that everyone has good intentions and no one is there to purposefully hurt anyone else. To that end if something is said that upsets you please use "I" statements to express your hurt and do not blame the person who said something that upset you.

Trigger Warnings: We will be covering topics that may cause triggers to go off. Please do what you need to do to take care of yourself and then talk to me after class to either process or let me know what happened. I want to make sure you each are okay and in a safer space.

Attendance - you can only miss 2 class sessions before it affects your grade. Any problems contact Su Pak first, cc: me on the email so I know what is going on but make sure you tell Su Pak and not just me.

Office Hours - you will need to meet with me twice this semester. These are by appointment only. The first assignment to meet with me is due week three so please plan to meet with me either this coming week or the following week. Bring your calendars to class.

*** You must meet with me before first theological reflection is due on Monday 10/3 or Tuesday 9/27. And you must meet with me before your Academic Vocational Essay (for assessment eportfolio) is due: Monday 12/19 and Tuesday 12/13. Start thinking about that as soon as you can and I will give you a list of appointment options well before the due date.***

Class Organization:

At the beginning of every class one of you will be responsible for opening the space and setting a positive intention so that we may learn from each other. This opening can come in the form of a song you would like us to hear, scripture or holy text from your tradition, a poem - whatever you feel reflects the readings and larger work of that week. It should be a short opening no more than 5 minutes and please let me know in advance if you are going to have any AV needs like speakers. Please be involved and attentive when others are presenting their opening intentions.

After the opening we will spend the rest of the class processing the work due that week. Please come to class with at least one question or comment about what we read or experienced in class. If you do not volunteer yourself you may be called upon. Be prepared.

Class will end with a brief discussion of the CLAs that are due that week. This is a time to ask any questions you may have. And the person who opened the class will leave us with a parting thought for the coming week or a reflection of what we just experienced as a group.

First Class Organization

I will lead the first class opening

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1. Dance Party - my item that resonates with me
2. Go over this document
3. Introductions of each other including your field site, your personal pronoun and anything else you would like us to know about you.
4. Expectations of the course, your field site and any joys or fears you may have during this entire process. Room agreements (we decide as a class what our expectations are from each other and agree to behave in class in accordance with those agreements.)
5. Discussion of first assignment due in class next week
6. Time to go over the syllabus more closely.
7. We will close the class with a brief discussion of the CLAs and the person who opened class (me) can leave us with some insight that they want to share.

My teaching style:

My job is to facilitate your learning not lecture you or do all the talking. Facilitate means: ***to make (something) easier: to help (something) run more smoothly and effectively.*** To that end the class will be led primarily by the open offering and then by your questions, so it is important that you bring a burning question with you to class - it is part of your participation grade. I will jump in and speak - definitely - but I will not be leading the discussion - you will be.