

Sample Syllabus Language for Cellphone and Wearable

Technology Device Use in Class and During Exams

To maintain academic integrity, protect privacy, and minimize distractions, the use of wearable technology and electronic devices is restricted during class and exams.

- **Phones & Other Personal Devices:** Phones and other personal recording devices must be powered off and put away during class and exams unless explicitly permitted by the instructor.
- **Smartwatches, Smart glasses, and Other Wearable Devices:** Any wearable technology with communication, recording, or data retrieval capabilities (e.g., smartwatches, smart glasses, earpieces, or similar devices) must be removed and stored away during assessments.
- **Capturing material from a course in any technology-based manner** is prohibited in this course unless approved by the instructor.
- **Privacy & Legal Considerations:** Maryland is a **two-party consent state** (Md. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 10-402), meaning it is **illegal to record conversations without the consent of all parties involved**. Smart glasses and other recording-capable devices must not be used in class to record or photograph others without explicit permission. Any attempt to bypass visibility indicators (such as covering recording LEDs) or to use unauthorized devices during class or assessments will be considered a violation of academic integrity policies and may also have legal consequences.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in academic penalties in accordance with the Towson University academic integrity policy. If you require accommodation that involves the use of technology, please discuss this with the instructor in advance.