

**IDS 101 – College Colloquium: Mathematics of the Ancient World**  
**Fall 2006**  
**Syllabus**

**What makes a good discussion?**

1. Respect others' viewpoints.
2. No one should dominate the conversation.
3. Participate: speak up!
4. Avoid personal attacks.
5. The conversation should progress.
6. Respect others' viewpoints.
7. Arguments should not be argumentative.
8. Make explicit references to the reading.
9. The conversation should not wander off topic.
10. Be well-prepared for discussion. Come in having read and thought about the assignment.
11. Be open-minded.
12. Respect others' viewpoints.
13. Everyone should participate in the conversation so that as many points of view are discussed as possible.
14. The discussion should be meaningful.
15. Contrary opinions are necessary for a good debate.
16. Be attentive; keep track of earlier points.
17. Respect others' viewpoints.

The above are our rules for this class. They represent a contract among all of us: we are all bound by these rules.