

# Academic Expectations 2026

## *Class Rules & Online Conduct*

---

### Academic Expectations

---

YSJC is a discussion-based program, not a graded course. Students are expected to complete asynchronous pre-readings (about three pages per session) and short reflection notes between meetings. The goal is to foster scientific curiosity, mentorship, and open discussion.

### Online Conduct & Expectations

---

To keep sessions productive and respectful, all participants agree to the following expectations across every Zoom session. Repeated violations may result in dismissal from the program.

#### Preparation

1. Complete the assigned reading (approximately three pages per session) before each meeting.
2. Come with at least one question, note, or reflection to share with your cohort.
3. Submit any Google Classroom assignments by the posted soft deadline.

#### Zoom etiquette

4. Join on time with a stable internet connection.
5. Cameras on for the full session — your full face (head to shoulders) should be clearly visible.
6. Microphones muted unless speaking or instructed otherwise.
7. Use a neutral, non-distracting background and avoid multitasking during the session.
8. Display your real first and last name on Zoom for attendance.

#### Respect & participation

9. Show respect to mentors, peers, and guests at all times.
10. Disagreements are welcome — disrespect is not.
11. Participate thoughtfully in discussions and breakout rooms.

#### Attendance

12. Notify your mentor in advance if you must miss a session and complete any assigned work independently.
13. Repeated unexcused absences or violations of these expectations may result in dismissal from the program.