

# Student Success: E-Mailing a Professor

#### USE YOUR BMCC E-MAIL OR AN E-MAIL ADDRESS WITH YOUR NAME IN IT

| Good e-mails to use with a professor | Bad e-mails to use with a professor |
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IN THE SUBJECT LINE, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, THE COURSE, AND SECTION

| Informative subject lines  | Cryptic subject lines |
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| Re: Alicia Sandanista ENG 311,<br>Sec 102, Explaining Today's<br>Absence | Re: Not in class      |
| Re: Sun Watins BUS 211, Sec 100,<br>Grading Question                     | Re:                   |

## **GREET YOUR PROFESSOR BY TITLE AND LAST NAME**

| Appropriate greetings   | Inappropriate greetings |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dear Professor Johnson, | Yo Prof,                |
| Dear Dr. Krishnan,      | Hey Josh,               |

DO NOT USE TEXT-SPEAK, EMOTICONS, OR SLANG

| Formal writing                    | Informal writing        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Are we going to review for the    | r u reviwing mondya? :P |
| test?                             |                         |
| Can I make an appointment to meet |                         |
| with you?                         | time?                   |

## **MAKE REQUESTS POLITELY**

| Polite requests                | Rude demands                      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Would it be possible for me to | You have to let me take the quiz  |
| make up today's quiz?          | again.                            |
| Could we meet to discuss my    | I worked too hard for you to give |
| grade?                         | me a C.                           |

## **GET RIGHT TO THE POINT**

| Direct writing                   | Indirect writing                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                  | When I woke up, I didn't think my |
|                                  | daughter looked ok, and when I    |
| was in the hospital with my      | took her to day care they took    |
| daughter this morning and missed | her temperature, and I had to go  |
| the deadline.                    | to the hospital with her.         |

