

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division**

PQP Assignment 2

Required Team Expectations Assignment

All team members must participate in this second PQP assignment, and each team must complete this assignment. Email the final version to your advisors on the business day preceding the third PQP meeting. Bring the original signed copy to your third PQP meeting. Note that **consensus** is important, not unanimous agreement. Consensus means that the team expectations are reached by negotiation and represent something that each team member can live with, but may not necessarily agree with 100 percent. It is not "majority rules" where one person is frequently in the minority.

On a single sheet of paper, put your names and list the rules and expectations your team adopts. You can include consequences for violations. Please do not submit any handwritten copy. You can deal with any or all aspects of team responsibilities: preparation for and attendance at group meetings, making sure everyone understands all the reading and data analysis, communicating frankly but with respect when conflicts arise, items relating to peer review, and nonacademic issues such as gender bias and substance abuse. Each team member must sign the sheet, indicating acceptance of these expectations and intention to fulfill them. Your team may want to modify the contract during the term. If so, please submit an updated copy to the instructors.

These expectations are for your use and benefit and will not be graded. The instructors will only comment on them if you request it. Note, however, that if you make the list fairly thorough without being unrealistic you'll be giving yourselves the best chance. For example, "We will each solve the project completely before we get together" or "We will get an A on every assignment" or "We will never miss a meeting" or "Our goal is make this the best IQP ever" are probably unrealistic, but "We will try to complete our individual assignments before each meeting" and "We will make sure that anyone who misses a meeting for good cause gets caught up on the work" are reasonable. You might also want to consider consequences for contract violations. For example "The penalty for missing two team meetings without valid excuse is treating the team to dinner". I'd recommend trying to make any "penalties" proactive rather than punitive.

PQP assignment #1 should give you a good start.