## Team Trivia: College Classroom Survival 101



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International Student Orientation – Spring 2017



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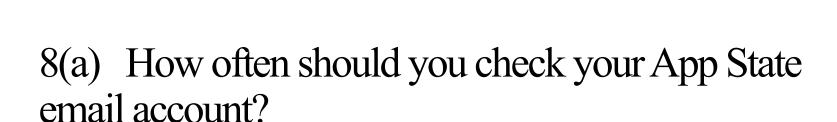
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## Turn in your answer sheets!



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Courses: 1-4 Credit Hours – Most courses are 3 credit hours

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#### You still have final exams!

And... double check your visa. If it's expired, you cannot re-enter the US with it!



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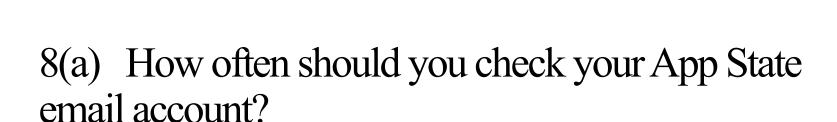
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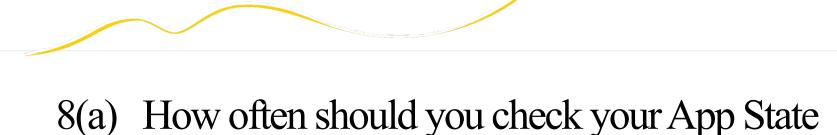
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Big exams and projects are often due right before breaks. Check your assignments before planning vacation!



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#### 14. **False!**

This is NOT an appropriate way to communicate with faculty and staff. Here is a better example:



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#### missing GER 1010-102 this Friday

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To: Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand <hellenbranda@appstate.edu>

Thu, Jul 21, 2016 at 1:47 PM

Dear Professor Hellenbrand,

I wanted to let you know in advance that I will miss class on Friday. Please let me know what I can do to make up the work or material I will miss.

Thank you!

Lindsay

# Questions?