

SEED TA Training
Equality and Diversity
Managing Student Behaviour
Seminar Planning



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Activity:
Two scenarios – what would you do?

Scenario One: Your first session is going well; you are half way through the session, when you overhear one of your students' making racially abusive remarks at one of the female students sat in front of them. How do you best respond?

Scenario Two: One of your students has an issue, you don't know what it is, but recently, she has changed. In class, she is not her usual bubbly self. She makes comments like, "oh well I'm not bothered" "I'm not going to need this qualification anyway" and "I won't be around to take that exam". What could her problem be? What should or could you do about it?

Equality and Diversity in the classroom

The University of Manchester is committed to creating an environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is treated fairly, regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or nationality.

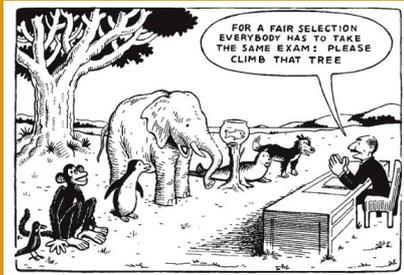
We have a genuine commitment to equality of opportunity for our staff and students, and are proud to employ a workforce that reflects the diverse community we serve.

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/equalityanddiversity/>

Full UoM Equality and Diversity Policy:
<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=8361>



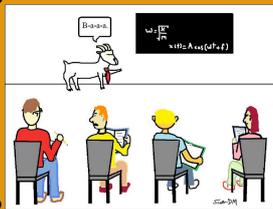
Diversity - a golden opportunity!



International TAs ...

Common concerns:

- Language and accents
- Teaching style and culture
- Dress culture
- Forms of respect



What are your concerns?

Mature students ...

- ... are likely to have other major commitments beyond university
- ... may be more demanding
- ... may require more flexibility with group-work and deadlines

Ultimately:

... regard them as a big asset!



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TA Surgery Hours and Themes

Wednesday, 30 November, 14:00 to 15:00;
Main theme: 'Getting students to talk' (Laura and Alexandra)

Wednesday, 8 February, 14:00 to 15:00; Main theme: 'Starters and Plenaries' (Helen and Clancy)

Location: Nile Meeting Room, 1st floor ALB
