

# CYPRUS

Professors are addressed formally; hierarchy and fairness are emphasized. Students may try respectful persuasion,

Professors are addressed formally, but rules are applied strictly.

The final decision rests with the professor, who stresses equal treatment.

Good morning, Ma'am may I submit the assignment as a podcast instead of a paper?



No, that isn't possible. It must be submitted in written form, as stated.



I understand, Ma'am, but a podcast could let me analyze it more deeply and creatively.



If I allow that for you, I would have to allow it for everyone—fairness matters



Could I send you a sample so you can judge the quality? I think it shows my work best.



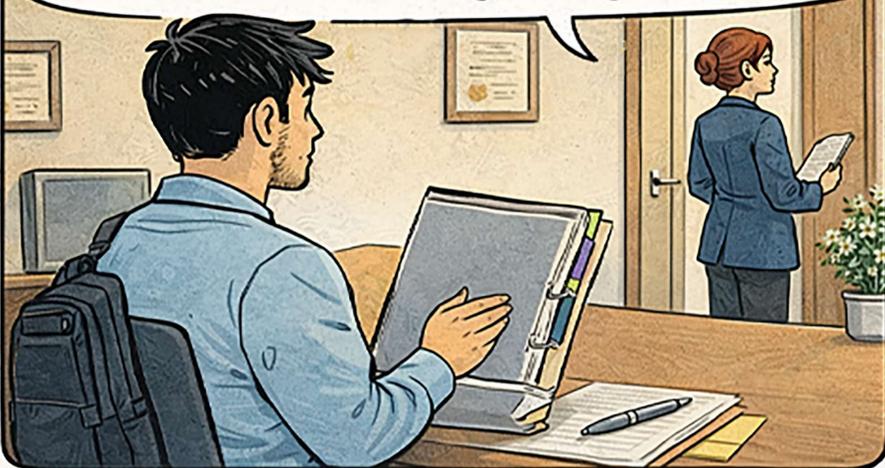
I appreciate the effort, but the regulations are clear; I cannot make an exception.



Alright, Ma'am I will proceed with the written format, exactly as required.



Thank you. Please follow the written instructions so the grading remains



# Italy

Professors are formal, but the relationship can feel more flexible. Discussion and persuasion are normal; compromise is culturally acceptable. It often ends in a middle ground that keeps authority and allows adaptation.



# BULGARIA

Two colleagues weigh staying late versus keeping a healthy balance. One prefers finishing now; the other says most is done and tomorrow works. They compromise by reviewing key parts today and finishing the rest tomo-

I was thinking we stay later today and finish everything before the deadline.



I don't think that's needed; most is done. We can finish the rest tomorrow.



I get that, but I'd feel better if we checked everything carefully right now.



I prefer leaving on time—balance matters—and we're already on schedule.



That's fair; I don't want anyone to feel pressured to stay late.



Let's review the most important parts today, and finish whatever remains tomorrow.



Yes, that sounds like a good compromise—let's do that and keep things on track.



Great. I'm glad we discussed it and found a practical solution for both of us.



# LATVIA

Disagreement is calm and polite, using softeners like “maybe” or “I think.”

Rules and written requirements matter; compromise works better than challenge.

It ends with a clear, quiet agreement on the next step.

Good afternoon, Professor—could I submit the work as a podcast, not a paper?



The description requires a written paper, so a podcast alone will work.



I understand; I think I could explain the analysis more clearly in audio.



Possibly, but it matters to me that there are references and clear structure.



Maybe I can submit a shorter written version with references and add the podcast?



That could work if the written part meets all requirements and grading stays equal.



Okay—then I'll send a short outline, first, so everything is clear before I submit.



Thank you—send the outline and then we'll agree on the final format together.



# GERMANY

## FORMAL HIERARCHY

professors are addressed by title. —|||

Independent ideas are welcome, but instructions must be followed. —  
Disagreement stays direct, structured, and ends with a clear decision.

Professor, may I submit this as a podcast instead of a written paper?



Mr. Müller, the assignment clearly specifies a written paper in the instructions.



I believe I could present my analysis even more thoroughly in spoken form.



That may be true, but academic work also means following formal requirements.



Would an exception be possible in this case, just this once?



No. I expect all students to meet the same conditions, without exceptions.



Understood—then I will submit the work in written form, as requested.



Good. I look forward to reading your written paper when you submit it.

