Classroom Participation and Getting Along with Colleagues and Classmates

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Classroom Participation: Try to Ask a Question

(1) Challenge of getting involved in discussions because:
   a) not familiar with educational practices in the U.S.
   b) afraid to make mistakes in pronunciation and grammar
   c) not used to the style of conversation (I always wait until everybody finishes)

(2) How I got involved:
   a) try to ask a question if I don’t understand something
   b) instructors of many of my classes would ask me a question if he/she realizes the class is discussing something that I am not familiar with. E.g. explanation of The Daily Show.
   c) some of my classmates engaged me into conversations. E.g. What colors are for girls in China?
Getting Along with Classmates and Colleagues

(1) ELPA provides a shared office for all graduate research assistants. It is a place where we help each other with classes, work, and also get to know each other.

(2) Seminars on qualitative research (*the QuaRC*)

(3) Happy hour every other Friday
A Process

- It is a process! This is just a path I have had and I believe everybody may have a different path.

- I have made my efforts and faculty, classmates, and colleagues really have helped me get involved.

- Thanks for the Diversity Summit offering me this opportunity to share my experience.