

Policy Title:	Examination Policy & Procedure
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1. Purpose

In order to ensure the credibility of University of Niagara Falls Canada (UNF) degrees it is critical that all examination assessments occur within a structured and secure environment.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students of the University.

3. Policy Statement

For the purpose of this policy, Mid-Terms and Final Exams are called “Examinations”. Each instructor must ensure that Examinations remain in compliance with the policy. Mid-term examinations shall be given only during scheduled class times as described in the course schedules and shall not exceed the times assigned for each class unless otherwise mutually agreed with the instructor and students.

No single mid-term examination shall exceed 30% of the final grade. Final examinations shall not exceed 40% of the final grade.

The following examination protocol must be followed:

- All examinations must be invigilated in person or through an online invigilator system. Instructors should be watchful during examinations, stay in the room at all times and walk around the classroom.
- No entry allowed after the beginning of the examination.
- Students must leave their belongings such as bags, books, pencil cases, cell phones, electronic dictionaries, or any other electronic device at the front or back of the classroom. They are not to be taken to the examination desk or table.
- Only pens, pencils, and erasers are allowed on top of the students’ table.
- Calculators are allowed only when permitted by the instructor. Students cannot share calculators with other students.
- Cell phones must be turned off during an examination and put away into the students’ bags.

- Cell phones and electronic dictionaries are not allowed to be used as calculators during an examination.
- Students are prohibited from consuming food and drinks (with the exception of water in a clear bottle with no label) during the examinations.
- During all written examinations, alternating seats should be used when feasible. Instructors and invigilators can assign student seats.
- Washroom breaks are not allowed during an examination unless approved by the instructor.
- Instructor and invigilator are not allowed to answer any questions concerning the examination content.
- Students are forbidden to take pictures of the examination. If they do, this event will be considered academic misconduct as per University Policies, and the student will be asked to leave the room immediately.
- Students are not allowed to do the following during an examination:
 - talk to other students, look around, and/or make noise;
 - purposely expose written papers to the view of other students;
 - use extra paper/s not approved by the instructor.
- Students are required to return all papers, such as the examination paper, used or unused scrap paper and formula sheets at the end of an examination. Failure to return all papers in the proper condition will result in a mark of zero on the examination. Possession or use of information or materials not authorized by the instructor is considered cheating.
- Students must present their student ID card at all examinations. If students do not have this card, the instructor or invigilator may accept another form of photo identification.
- Students who do not obey instructor and/or invigilator instructions during an examination will be asked to leave the room immediately and will receive a zero on the examination.
- Cheating is a very serious offense and is absolutely not tolerated. Any incident of cheating during an examination will result in the following in accordance with the Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy:
 - The student will receive a mark of zero on the examination.
 - An incident report will be documented and kept in the student's file.

4. Out-of-Time Final Examinations

In the event of an exceptional circumstance that meets the criteria outlined below,

students may apply to write a final examination at a time other than the scheduled time. These examinations are referred to as out-of-time final examinations. The examination will be invigilated on campus or through an online invigilator system.

5. Procedure

A student may apply to write an out-of-time final examination by submitting a written request to the appropriate Associate Dean or Director or designate. Except in unforeseen circumstances, as described below, students must complete and submit their request for an out-of-time examination at least two weeks in advance of their scheduled examination so an out-of-time examination can be organized at a suitable time.

6. Criteria for Approval of Out-of-Time Final Examinations

Unforeseen Circumstances

Medical/Health

Approval of an out-of-time final examination request may be granted if the student has been injured or hospitalized or is under the care of a health care professional/practitioner for a condition which prevents the student from writing the examination at the scheduled time.

Compassionate

Approval of an out-of-time final examination request may be granted for compassionate reasons such as, but not limited to, a death, serious illness or injury of a member of the student's immediate family. At the discretion of the Associate Dean or Director, or designate, consideration may also be given for other unforeseen events beyond the student's control.

Legal Obligations

Approval of an out-of-time final examination request may be granted for legal obligations which include but are not restricted to jury duty or court appearances.

Note: In all cases the student must submit written confirmation and/or documentation verifying that the student is or was unable to write the final examination at the scheduled time because of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the student. In the event of illness or injury, the student and/or the physician must indicate in writing when the student could reasonably be expected to write the final examination.

Religious Beliefs

Approval of an out-of-time final examination request shall be granted if an examination is scheduled on a day recognized for observance by the student's religion or church, as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The student may be required to submit a letter from his or her church or equivalent.