

Exams

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About This Policy

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Administering Office:

Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

Scope

All academic units on the Bloomington campus.

Policy Statement

Timing of Exams

No examinations shall be scheduled for multi-section classes at times when any student enrolled in the course has another regularly scheduled class at the same time. In addition, examinations shall not be given outside the regular class hours for the course without permission of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, or, in the case of graduate student examinations, the dean of the school offering the course.

Final Exam Period/Free Week

There shall be a 5-day examination period at the end of each term. Exams must be given according to the schedule established by the Office of the Registrar. It is the student's responsibility to check the final examination schedule to determine the date and time of particular final examination.

The week prior to the exam period shall be free of major or final exams, except for practical tests serving to conclude lab periods. Final projects, papers, or similar non-exam cumulative evaluation mechanisms, including those assigned in teams, may be due during free week or finals week provided they are specifically assigned in the class syllabus. Final examinations for course sections not scheduled to meet through the last weeks of classes (e.g., first eight-week classes) should be held during the last class meeting.

More Than Three Final Exams in One Day

In the event that a student is scheduled to take more than three final exams in one day, the instructor/department of the fourth and subsequent exams is obligated to adjust the student's exam time, provided the student notifies them by the halfway point of the semester.

The student may exercise the following options:

1. Take all final examinations as they are scheduled;
2. Consult with all instructors or departments giving the final examinations to determine if any make-up examination(s) is or can be scheduled (e.g., taking the final exam for a different section). If no make-up examination is available, the student must notify the instructor or department of the course scheduled for the fourth (and additional) final examination of the day before the halfway point of the semester. That instructor or that department will then be obligated to adjust the student's final examination schedule.

Absence from Final Examination

Students who anticipate absences from final examinations should discuss these absences with their instructors as soon as possible to make arrangements for the satisfaction of course requirements. Academic departments or schools may, at their discretion, adopt more specific guidance on this matter. The final decision in the dispensation of these matters is the instructor's.

Students who fail to attend or complete the final exam of a class and who have a passing grade up to that point should be given an Incomplete only if the instructor has reason to believe the absence or non-completion was reasonable.

Students who are absent from or do not complete a final examination for reasonable circumstances must contact the instructor or, if unable to contact the instructor, the Dean of Students Office immediately, and in all instances prior to the instructor's submission of final grades (usually 72 hours after the scheduled exam), in order to avoid the possibility of an "F." If the instructor determines that further evidence is necessary to confirm that the absence or non-completion was beyond the student's control, the instructor may temporarily assign a grade of Incomplete and direct the student to work with the Dean of Students Office to verify and document the reason for the absence lack of completion. The final decision on the grade remains the instructor's.

History

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