

Examinations (L)

Policies Related to Final Examinations

1. The examination schedule is specified by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
2. All students should arrive and be settled in the examination room 15 minutes prior to the scheduled beginning of the examination.
3. Arrivals after the examination begins should report immediately to Room 203 Hulston Hall.
4. The "Instructions" page of any examination is reserved for all special instructions for the examination. This includes:
 - a. the length of the examination;
 - b. any special instructions for collaboration or material to be used during the examination;
 - c. any special instructions for turning in the examination or parts thereof; and
 - d. any other general instructions not a substantive part of the exam itself
5. Each student will have a different number on each examination. A three-part, perforated slip printed with a number on each of the three parts will be distributed to each student at the time of the examination. The student will complete each portion of the exam number slip and tear off the bottom part for his/her records. (If more than one bluebook is used for any one examination, the student will carefully number the extra book(s) with the assigned number.) At the end of the examination, students will turn in their bluebooks with the remaining two portions attached. The proctor collecting the examinations will remove the identifying second part to be retained in the office and the professor will receive the bluebook bearing only the examination number.
6. It is important for students to retain their portion of the number slip in order to review an examination or check grades when posted.
7. There must be an accounting of all copies of an examination. As a result, the person administering the exam will:
 - a. notify students to complete the exam slip on the front of the bluebook;
 - b. check the exam slips against the class roster at the conclusion of the exam (any portion of the exam slip that contains the student's name is removed by the law school staff before the exam is given to a faculty member); and
 - c. collect all copies of the examination itself -- all copies of the exam must be turned in with the exam answer.
8. Examinations are scheduled in rooms that accommodate the taking of that examination. A list of the examination rooms is posted in various places in the law school prior to the last day of classes. This list specifies the place at which examinations will be picked up.
9. Examinations are distributed in the rooms scheduled and in no other rooms unless the exams are take-home exams or a professor has made special arrangements for the administration of the exam.
10. Students may work on their examinations in assigned rooms only and in other designated areas in the law school. It is the responsibility of the student to return the completed examination to the place where it is to be picked up, at or before the time scheduled for the end of the examination.
11. A student who chooses to leave a designated examination room is responsible for returning their examination to the designated place at or prior to the end of the examination period.
12. Earplugs are permitted in any exam room.
13. The items below are NOT permitted in any examination room, unless SPECIFICALLY authorized by the "Instructions" at the beginning of the written examination, or specifically permitted pursuant to the law school policy relative to exams on computer. These items should not be brought into the exam room. If they are, they MUST be turned into the proctor PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EXAMINATION. The proctor will keep these items until the examination has concluded:
 - a. Cellular phones or other communication devices;
 - b. Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) or any device having the characteristics of a PDA;
 - c. Laser Pointers;
 - d. Any device that allows for the recording of data, or the playing of recorded data, including, but not limited to iPods, MP3 players, CD players, DVD players, cassette players or recorders;
 - e. The devices above should not be brought into the examination room. The person administering the exam in each room will, however, have a box to collect any such device while the exam is being taken.
14. Smoking is NEVER permitted in any examination room.
15. Examinations are distributed by the proctor unless the professor elects to do so. Upon receipt of an examination, each student places his or her initials beside his or her name on the class roll. The proctor writes the time the examination begins and ends on the blackboard.
16. Students in the authorized examination rooms are given a 10-minute warning prior to the end of the examination period. The warning is given by the proctor unless the instructor elects to do so. Once the 10-minute warning is given, no student may leave the examination room. Students shall remain quietly seated.
17. The examination ends at the earliest of the following:
 - a. The time written on the blackboard by the proctor or at the conclusion of the time designated on the examination. In some rooms, a law school staff member may say "Stop," but the failure to do so indicates does not allow a student to continue to write after the time limit has expired. No writing whatsoever is permitted after the exam ends.
 - b. The time a student submits a written examination to the proctor collecting exams and leaves the immediate line of sight of that proctor. Whether such a student has left the immediate line of sight of the proctor is a question left to the discretion of the proctor, it being recognized that as more students turn in exams, the sight line of the proctor will be decreased.
 - c. The time a student taking an exam on computer submits an exam and exits from the exam-writing software.
18. When the examination period ends, students who have not earlier completed the examination go to the place announced for examination pickup and hand to the proctor the examination, bluebooks and/or answer sheet and all scratch paper, used and unused. The material is checked at that time to be sure exam numbers are on each examination, bluebook and/or answer sheet and then placed in receptacles provided for that purpose. Students should not walk away until the proctor has confirmed they have all materials.

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19. At the conclusion of each examination, each student again places his or her initials by his or her name on the class roll. The proctor checks to be sure all examinations and materials that should be returned are returned.