

WRITTEN ONLINE EXAMS Guidelines for students

The University has decided to make it possible to take written exams online to avoid that students accumulate delays in their university careers.

Though, this modality requires that students have a collaborative and ethically correct behaviour.

The following indications are aimed at students who want to take a written exam online in the recovery appeals scheduled for April and May 2020.

These indications may eventually be integrated by the professor.

Participation in the videoconference implies acceptance to be filmed. The shooting will be carried out for the sole purpose of the correct conduct of the exam, will be accessible only to the members of the Exam Commission and to the dedicated technical staff and the registration will be cancelled after the vote has been registered.

1. IT EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

Hardware:

- PC / Mac / tablet equipped with webcam and microphone (integrated or external) that are compatible with video conferencing software;
- a scanner or a smartphone.

Software:

- If necessary, install the video conferencing software indicated by the professor (eg Zoom, GoogleMeet, Skype for Business, ...).
- For students who don't have a scanner: install a free software that allows you to scan your written work with your smartphone and transform it into a single pdf (recommended) or jpg document. The Google Drive app offers this feature. Alternatively, we recommend installing Office Lens or Camscanner. These applications (and others similar) are available for free for Android and iOs.
- It is necessary to verify that the applications, the browser and the video call software are updated to the latest version available.

2. BEFORE THE TEST.

- 1. Students will have to:
- a. (before the exam) try to prepare and submit a single file containing two or more photos of sheets with the software for scanning for mobile phones (see final recommendation at the bottom of these guidelines).
- b. If necessary, install the video conferencing software specified by the teacher.
- c. Arrange a room without other people and monitors; if it is structurally impossible to move a monitor, cover it so that it is not visible.
- d. Have white sheets, a pen with a clearly visible line and other material indicated by the professor (e.g. calculator), an identification document with a photograph and get ready to be filmed.
- e. Keep the smartphone with which the scans will be made always visible on the table, turned off and face down. The presence of other hardware (e.g. smartwatch, earphones, etc ...) other than that described on page 1 will not be allowed.
- 2. Students must respect the following rules:
- a. If a student is caught copying or has an ethically incorrect behaviour, his or her exam will be cancelled.



- b. If a student leaves the desk before the end of the written test, his exam will be cancelled.
- c. The professor can ask the student for explanations about the test (e.g. to explain the logical process).

3. STARTING THE EXAM.

- 1. Connect to the video call as indicated by the email of the professor: the student must connect with his / her name and surname (and not just the name or nickname).
- 2. Keep your microphone always on during the test, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.
- 3. The student shall show the identification document via webcam, which will be compared with the student's face.
- 4. The student should keep the smartphone visible and face down.
- 5. The student will disconnect the keyboard if possible. In any case, the student must move away from his sheet: screen, webcam and keyboard in order to make his hands as much visible as possible.
- 6. The student will print the text of the exam or keep it open on the screen so that it remains in just one screen.



Here is the correct position that should be on the screen:

- * seated at 80 cm. / 1 m. from the webcam
- * hands and sheet visible
- * smartphone in sight and face down
- * keyboard removed.

4. THE EXAM.

- 1. The files containing the written test will be sent to the student via email.
- 2. Upon receipt of the text, students print or look at the text on the monitor and begin the test.
- 3. During the test, the professor can ask to share the screen / desktop in a video call, while still keeping the student's webcam video visible (this possibility is offered, for example, by GoogleMeet and Zoom).
- 4. During the test, the use of the PC / Mac / Tablet keyboard and mouse is prohibited unless requested by the professor.
- 5. The professors answers any questions in chat. Before using the chat, the student raises his hand and calls the teacher; only after being authorized s/he shall use the keyboard to write.
- 6. During the test, the professor can ask to see the room, where the student is, with the webcam.

5. SUBMISSION.

- 1. At the set time, the students remove the pens and show all the works written on the webcam, page by page.
- 2. The students scan or photograph their sheets and elaborate a single file of their test, named SurnameName.pdf (recommended) or SurnameName.jpg.
- 3. Students upload the file to Kiro or to the cloud folder indicated by the teacher or send it via email to the address indicated by the teacher. This method will be communicated directly by the teacher.
- 4. The professor may request a split delivery of the written test.
- 5. The professor verifies the correct receipt of the written document and dismisses the student.



6. GUARANTEES OF AUTHENTICITY OF THE PAPER.

As a further guarantee of authenticity of the paper, the teacher can:

- a few minutes before the end of the test, communicate a five-digit number that students must put on each sheet of their papers;
- at the end of the test, but before the submission, ask each student to show their work on the webcam so that the teacher can photograph it.

7. TUTORIAL.

In order to facilitate the procedure of preparing and submitting the text, the following two tutorials have been prepared:

- Scan documents with smartphone: https://youtu.be/OPF7APNatFw
- Scanning and delivery in Kiro http://idcd.unipv.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Tutorial-Scanning-file.pdf

6. CANDIDATES WITH DIAGNOSIS OF SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDER OR WITH CERTIFIED DISABILITY.

Candidates diagnosed with DSA (Specific Learning Disorders) or with certified disabilities are assured of carrying out the test remotely with the aid of the measures provided for by the regulations. In this regard, the candidate contacts the SAISD at least seven days before the exam date and explicitly request the necessary help, as well as the possible need for additional times for the performance of the test. The candidate must also verify the functionality of the IT equipment. The SAISD, on the basis of the documentation received, in consultation with the Rector's Delegate for Disability and Special Needs, promptly sends the appropriate technical instructions for the conduct of the tests to the President of the Examination Commission.

6. FINAL RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend that students wishing to take the written exams online in the April and May sessions TRY TO SUBMIT A PAPER, realized according to the procedures indicated above.

Link for the trial: https://kiro2014.unipv.it/moodle26/course/view.php?id=624 (access with university credentials).

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