
EXAMINATIONS ON CAMPUS STUDENT GUIDE

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Examinations Office

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This guide aims to help students understand how exams operate on campus in an exam room, that is, the exam does not take place remotely, online.

Exam Timetables

Exams are scheduled all through the year and you are required to be available to sit your exam. Check Module and Programme Handbooks for details of how many exams to expect.

For undergraduate students who are not on a 'block' teaching course, the main exam timetable is published at the end of March 2024 and the main exam period is **29 April to 24 May 2024**. Students on 'block' teaching will normally be assessed in week seven of each teaching block and the anticipated assessments will be explained to students in the handbook. With block teaching, there may be some variation and some exams may be scheduled earlier than week 7 of each block.

In August the main exam 'resit' schedule is **5 August to 16 August 2024**.

There are another 3 exam schedules in the year that are mainly for postgraduate students, Nursing, Midwifery and Law courses.

Students have a responsibility to know when and where their exams are and as exam timetables are **subject to change** it's important to check the timetable to see if any changes affect you. You can access the Exam Schedule on my.dmu.ac.uk, - click 'Exam Schedule'.

Exam Venues

Exams are held across campus, typically The Venue, Campus Centre, Clephan, Edith Murphy, Gateway or Queens Buildings. Your exam may be in a building you are unfamiliar with so on the day of your exam, allow extra time to locate the building and room. Large exams may be split across different buildings and the alphabetical split between rooms will be published on the exam schedule.



On the Day of your exam

Arrive 20 minutes before the start of the exam. If you arrive 15 minutes after the exam has started you won't be allowed in the room (no matter what the reason) so plan your journey to campus accordingly.

What to bring:

- ♦ Pens, pencils, eraser and spares—exam invigilators can't loan out stationery to students so you must bring all the stationery you will need (it's handy to bring spares too)
- ♦ DMU Student ID Card
- ♦ You can bring a drink in a water bottle/cylinder. Students will be required to remove any labels on bottles.

You are not permitted to have **on your person**:


- ♦ Revision notes, of any form - check your pockets to be sure you don't have notes on your person, even blank 'scrap' paper. If notes are found on your person this will be reported
- ♦ Notes written on your hands, arms or any part of the body
- ♦ Revision books or your own dictionary (if your exam allows notes/books this will have been confirmed to you via the module team and the invigilators will be aware)
- ♦ Hot drinks/food
- ♦ Pencil cases (unless transparent), glasses cases, calculator cases
- ♦ Airpods or ear/headphones of any description
- ♦ Phones, smart watches/fit-bits/data storage devices including programmable calculators

Bags, Coats, Belongings

Coats and bags are stored away from where students sit. Don't bring valuable personal property as we can't accept responsibility for damage/loss. Coats, hoodies, hats or scarves can't be worn in the exam and invigilators will ask you to remove them and may ask to check inside the hood. Clothing can't be hung on the back of chairs. Identity checks of veiled students will be in a discrete area before the exam starts.

Entry to the Exam

Invigilators manage entry to the room and will direct students to a desk. You cannot choose where you sit. In larger rooms it can take some time to get all students seated and the exam room can feel 'formal', as exam conditions begin as soon as you enter the room and students can't talk or communicate with each other, including texting or any form of signalling.



Phones, Smart Watches, Data Storage Devices

Use of phones, smart watches, tablets or laptops, fit-bits, electronic organisers or any data storage or internet capable device is prohibited and you are not allowed to have these items on your person, even if you don't attempt to use them during the exam. All smart watches and phones must be placed in the clear plastic bag provided and the bag placed on the floor under the desk. Phones must be switched off. Unauthorised material found on your person during the exam will be confiscated by the invigilators and reported as an academic offence, so to avoid problems simply remove your smart watch and place it and your phone in the bag when instructed to do so.

Use of Calculators

Unless specifically prohibited, you may use a calculator (not on a smart watch) which performs basic arithmetic functions: addition, division, calculation of percentages. Programmable calculators which store text, data, formulae or perform functions other than purely numeric are not permitted. Calculator cases should be removed and placed on the floor.

Use of Dictionaries


An Oxford Dictionary, provided by invigilators, can be borrowed during the exam (unless prohibited by the module) but cannot be repeatedly used. Excessive dictionary use by one student may lead to requests being refused. Students cannot bring their own dictionaries.

Invigilators

Invigilators ensure exam conditions and regulations are applied to all students and report incidents to the Exams Office. Invigilators control entrance to the room, issue and collect exam documents and start/close the exam. Exam instructions and rules are announced by the invigilator and it's important to listen carefully. If you wish to use the toilet or ask a question, raise your hand and an invigilator will come to your desk.

Exam Interruptions

Exams may be interrupted to announce a correction to a paper or to evacuate the building. Exam conditions remain during an evacuation and students can't communicate with each other and must follow the instructions of the invigilators. Any time lost due to an evacuation will be added to the length of exam.



Individual Exam Arrangements

Individual Exam Arrangements for students needing adjustments to their exam environment must be confirmed through the Disability Advice and Support team in advance of the exam and **within published deadlines** on the university's exam web page. Any changes to individual arrangements must be confirmed through the disability team. Students with an arrangement will receive notification from the Exams Office confirming exam details.

Academic Offences

Any attempt to cheat or gain advantage in an exam is reported to the Faculty as an Academic Offence. Invigilators patrol, observe and monitor students and report concerns to the Principal Invigilator, including where a student is found to have access to unauthorised material even during a break/toilet visit and if the material isn't used. Academic Offences include but are not limited to:

- ! Having notes, or any other information on or near the desk or on a candidate's person (such as written on the body or concealed in clothing) whether a candidate uses it or not
- ! Having a phone, smart watch or data storage/internet enabled device on your person during an examination including programmable calculators (where not expressly permitted) or electronic dictionaries
- ! Copying from the exam script of another candidate or allowing copying of your work
- ! Helping another candidate, including attempting to communicate by oral, electronic, written or signalling means

End of Exam and Leaving Exam Room

Raise your hand if you've finished the exam and want to leave so your work can be collected. To avoid disruption, you can't leave the exam in the first hour or last 15 minutes of the exam. For exams of one hour students can't leave the room until the exam time is finished.

The invigilator will announce when it's 15 minutes to the end of exam. At the end of the exam you must **stop writing when told to**. It's your responsibility to ensure your name and student details are completed correctly in the answer book. Please be patient whilst the papers are collected in and counted. Students can't talk during this time. Invigilators will announce when students can leave the exam room.



EXAM CHECKLIST

Before the Exam



Check Exam Timetable on MyDMU, to see if the exam has changed



Your exam may be in a building you don't know well, allow a few extra minutes to find your way



Arrive **20 MINUTES** before the start of the exam, there's no entry allowed 15 minutes after the start of exam



In the exam room you cannot talk, signal or communicate with other students



Coats and bags are placed away from desks. Outerwear/hoodies can't be worn in the exam. No clothing to be hung on chairs



Exam instructions are read out by the invigilators, listen carefully

On the day

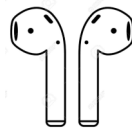


Bring pens, pencils, eraser **AND SPARES**—invigilators can't loan stationery. If you don't have a pen or pencil you won't be able to sit the exam



Phones, smart watches, fit-bits or any data storage device: **NONE OF THESE ARE PERMITTED ON YOUR PERSON.**

Switch off and place in plastic bag provided. If found with these on your person it will be reported to the Faculty.



Ear/headphones/air pods of any type are not allowed



Drinks—you can bring a drinks bottle in, any labels must be removed



Programmable calculators are not permitted unless confirmed in exam instruction



Bring your Student ID card



Revision notes of any format or blank paper are not permitted in the exam. Writing on any part of the body is not allowed even if not linked to exam