

Taking your exams online allows you to take your exams

- Open-book, open-notes
- Just about whenever you want to
- An unlimited number of times
 - This allows you to change your mind
Say you start the exam and then your friend or your boss calls. Because you can take the major exams an unlimited number of times, you can simply exit the exam and retake it later. That said, always make sure that you finish your exams at least a week before the timeout deadline so that you have time to deal with emergencies that may come up.
 - You can also retake the exams to improve your grade. You can take the exam, see how you do and then decide if you need to study or review more before and then retake the exam, perhaps making summary note sheets to help yourself the next time around.

So, by having online exams, you have open-book, open-notes exams that you can take just about whenever you want and that you can retake as you see fit.

You are welcome to take the exams in the ‘old-fashioned, traditional’ fashion. That is, you can take the exams on paper, closed book, closed notes. If you don’t like dealing with computers, and/or computers simply frustrate you, then you can do it the old-fashioned way with pencil and paper.

- Consult your syllabus for the procedure for taking the ‘old-fashioned exams’.
- You must inform your instructor at least a week before the timeout deadline.
- You will take the exam during the instructor’s regularly scheduled office hours on-campus.
- You will have 75 minutes to complete the exam
- The exam is closed-notes and you will not have access to the internet
- You will have one attempt at the exam only (you will not have the option of multiple or unlimited attempts).
- You must complete the exam before the regularly scheduled timeout deadline.

Of note, I have had this option available for the last several years, and not a single student has opted to take the exams in the old-fashioned pencil and paper way.

Some students will have no problems with the computer, while other students will. However, even the students who run into computer problems, even the ones who appear to be furious with the hardware or software, even those students have opted to continue to work with the online exams that they can take an unlimited number of times on their own schedule.

For the past several years, at the end of each term, I have specifically asked my on-campus students if they would prefer that the class kept the online exams or returned to the old-fashioned pencil and paper exams. The responses have overwhelmingly been that 99-100% of the students have emphatically stated that I should keep the online exams and not return to the old-fashioned pencil and paper exams.

That said, if you want to take the exams the old-fashioned way, simply let me know and follow the instructions in your syllabus to contact me ahead of the timeout deadlines. You do not have to take the exams online if you do not want to. Taking the exams online is a privilege, not a right, or a punishment.

If you end up being one of the students who gets frustrated with computer issues this term, ask yourself if you would prefer to take the exams the old-fashioned way on pencil and paper. Weigh the pros and cons and seriously think about it. Make the decision that is best for you.