

FACING EXAMS AT UNIVERSITY: EXAM DAY

The day of your exam HAS ARRIVED. How can you optimize your strategies if it is an online or an in person exam? Written or oral exam?

SOME GOOD PRACTICES

- Make sure that you are registered for the exam. If in person, find out where it will take place and how to get there on time.
- If online, make sure all devices are working properly, that you have an internet connection and the link to access the exam.
- Make sure you have an ID (or a scan of it) handy.
- Try to arrive refreshed and with energetic!

In person exam/presence:

Written:

- If possible, find a place that is appropriate for you (e.g. away from source of noise, windows or doors, if you are sensitive to distractions)
- Listen carefully the professor's instruction
- Go through all the questions and/or exercises and, if you can, write what you feel most prepared for
- Estimate and monitor the necessary time to complete the exam/task
- Write graphically clear manner
- Keep a bottle of water or something sugary nearby (in case the exam takes a long time).



Oral:

- Focus your attention on the professor and on his/her questions
- When you answer, go straight to the central point and then complete with other information!
- If you notice that you are not explaining yourself clearly, stop and start again from the last point
- If the question is not clear to you: ask if it can repeat or rephrase.
- If you don't know what to answer, let the professor know



Should the news for an online exam (written or oral):

Choose your seat carefully so that your work space is free and clean and so that you feel comfortable.

For written exam:

- Make sure your computer screen is always visible to the professor
- Turn down the sound so as not to be disturbed (do not turn off the sound completely)
- Listen carefully the professor's instruction
- go through all questions and/or exercises and, if you can, start with what you feel most prepared for to complete the exam/task



For oral exam:

- Keep your gaze towards the computer and do not move excessively
- Focus your attention on the professor and on his/her questions
- When you answer, go straight to the central point and then complete with other information!



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