

Information for the Exam

for students

Date and Time

The *final exam* and *participation quiz II* will take place **on campus** on **Monday, April 27 at 08:30 AM**. The exam will last **120 minutes** and the participation quiz **10 minutes**. The R.O. will announce the venues. Both will be on eLearn, accessed with your laptop.

Examination Mode

Both quizzes will appear under the "*Quizzes*" section of *eLearn* for the *combined sections* and will be accessible only via the **lockdown browser**. There will be human proctors; **no webcam is required**.

You will be allowed to **enter the room 10 minutes before the exam**. Settle at your seat immediately and log in to eLearn to locate the quizzes. You must **start with the participation quiz** — you cannot access the exam until you have submitted it. Your proctor will write the quiz **passwords** on the whiteboard.

During the quizzes

- You are NOT allowed any devices other than your **laptop** and one **calculator** (any dedicated calculator).
- You must have your **student ID** on the desk.
- You are allowed one **double-sided A4 sheet of notes**.
- You will be given **scrap paper**. All scrap paper must be returned to proctors after the exam.
- **Clarification questions will not be answered** during the exam. If you are confident that a task cannot be answered as written, move on to another task. If there is indeed a problem, I will make the necessary adjustments in the grading.

You are strictly **NOT ALLOWED** to have on you, or within immediate reach, a phone, any phone peripheral (smartwatch, earphones, etc.), or any other unauthorized communication device or printed material. If any of the above is detected — regardless of its function, relevance, use, or intent — you will be prosecuted for cheating under the SMU Code of Student Conduct. Anyone who talks, whispers, or signals to another student during the exam will have their exam terminated immediately, with no warning or explanation. **If at any point you believe that something around you puts you at risk of a cheating accusation, ask a proctor to address it or move you to another seat.**

Format & examined material

The **final exam** will have a similar format to the midterm test. There will be 25 MCQs, more straightforward than the homework tasks; 2 problems like those in the homework or Practice Sets; and 4 short-answer tasks requiring concise answers. Each short-answer task has an 80-word limit — a penalty of 2 points per instance will be enforced for exceeding it. The examined material covers lectures, assigned video segments, tutorials, and practice sets from **units 1 to 11**. No task will go beyond this material or the level of analysis used in the course.

The **Participation Quiz II** will contain 5 multiple-choice items designed to be answered easily by students who followed the discussions carefully. The examined material covers lecture, tutorials, and external videos from **units 7–11**.

How to Study

Study in the following order:

1. Your notes from lectures and videos, alongside the slides (*highly recommended*)
2. The Practice Sets (*highly recommended*)
3. The homework tasks (*highly recommended*)
4. The textbook, for any parts you need (*optional*)
5. Other AI, online sources or textbooks (*optional*)

This may sound obvious, but most students lose points through carelessness. Stay focused and do the following: **(a)** Read the task carefully, several times, until you are entirely sure what is being asked. **(b)** Work through it on scrap paper. **(c)** Type your final answer. **(d)** Read your answer and make sure it makes sense. **(e)** Re-read the question and confirm that your answer actually addresses it. Remember: a successful exam involves more reading than writing.