

Information for the Test

for students

Date & time

The *midterm test* and the *Participation Quiz I* will be **online and remote** on **Saturday, Oct. 3 at 08:30**. The participation quiz will last **10 minutes** and the midterm **90 minutes**. If you have a conflict with other university obligations at that time, arrangements will be offered via Telegram closer to the date.

Technical requirements

Both the midterm test and the participation quiz will be available under the "*Quizzes*" section of *eLearn*, accessible **only via the lockdown browser**. Please install it and confirm it works before the test. Respondus Monitor will be used and requires a **webcam**, so make sure your camera is working.

How to take the quizzes

The midterm test and participation quiz will appear as **two separate quizzes** on *eLearn*, in the same place as the Self-Tests. **Take the participation quiz FIRST** — the midterm will not open until you submit it. It is highly recommended to **RESTART** your computer before starting.

Participation Quiz I

1. Log in to eLearn and click on *Quizzes*.
2. Click on "*Participation Quiz I - Requires Lockdown Browser + Webcam*". (The quiz will become available a few minutes before the start time).
3. Complete the *Respondus Monitor startup sequence*. It will check that your webcam is working, your face is detected, and the area around you is clear. No ID photo is required. Once the startup sequence is complete, the quiz begins and the 10-minute timer starts.
4. Submit when done.

Midterm test

5. Stay on eLearn and click on *Quizzes* again.
6. Click on "*Midterm Test - Requires Lockdown Browser + Webcam*".
7. Complete the *Respondus Monitor startup sequence* again if prompted. Once complete, the test begins and the 90-minute timer starts.
8. Submit once you are done.

Inability to continue

If you experience technical difficulty that prevents you from starting the test, **REBOOT** your computer first. If the issue persists, **contact IITS**. Note that I am neither able nor qualified to provide technical support. If you have done the above and are still unable to complete the test due to a technical issue, health problem, or other reason, text me on **Telegram @kmarinakis** and wait for my instructions.

During the quizzes

- You will find that no other app is accessible while Lockdown Browser is active.
- **You are not allowed to have any communication devices** other than your phone, which may only be used to communicate with me via Telegram or with IITS if you are experiencing problems that prevent you from completing the test. Do not communicate with anyone else during the test. **If you are caught communicating with others or using your phone to photograph quiz tasks, you will be severely penalized and may be EXPELLED FROM THE UNIVERSITY.**
- **Use the bathroom BEFORE the test starts.** If you leave the camera's field of view, speak into the mic and explain why. All absences will be reviewed. If your behavior appears suspicious, you will be investigated for cheating, so avoid unnecessary absences.
- **Clarification questions will not be answered during the test.** If you think that a task cannot be answered as written, move to the next. If there is indeed a problem, I will make adjustments in the grading.

Items Allowed During the Test

On your desk you are allowed to have ONLY the following items:

- Any hardcopy material you wish: printed slides, textbook, assignments, notes, etc. **(only hardcopy)**
- Scrap paper (2–3 sheets recommended), pencils, and an eraser.
- A non-programable calculator (not your phone, tablet, or smartwatch).
- Your phone (only for communication with me or the course channel).
- A printout of this document may also be useful.

You are not allowed to have any other electronic devices. **No tablets, smartwatches, smart glasses, other computers, or other phones. No other person should be in your immediate vicinity during the test** (except for people passing behind you if you take the exam in a public place).

Format & examined material

The midterm test will have 13 MCQs, more straightforward than the Self-Test tasks; 2 problems like those in the Self-Tests or Practice Sets; and 4 short-answer tasks requiring concise answers. Each short-answer task has an **80-word limit** and **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 6**. No task will go beyond this material or the level of analysis used in the course. In any case, the test is protected by the Grade Insurance policy of the course and the average will be at least 75.

The **Participation Quiz I** will contain 5 MCQs designed to be answered easily by students who followed the discussions carefully. The examined material covers lecture, tutorials, and external videos from **units 1–6**.

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 Self-Test 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.