

October/November 2022 online examination rules.

Students are expected to familiarise themselves with online examination rules before their examination sittings.

Examination sessions commence at the time indicated on the final examination timetable. You are required to adhere strictly to the specified times.

Students are advised to complete the <u>Course: Basic Skills for Online Exams (unisa.ac.za)</u> and complete the mock assessment <u>Course: ADOVH001: Mock Exams (unisa.ac.za)</u>

i. For file upload/take-home examinations:

- Students must upload their answer scripts in a single PDF file on the official myExams platform (answer scripts must not be password protected or uploaded as "read-only" files).
- 2. NO e-mailed scripts will be accepted.
- 3. Students are advised to preview submissions (answer scripts) to ensure legibility and that the correct answer script file has been uploaded.
- 4. Students are permitted to resubmit their answer scripts should their initial submission be unsatisfactory.
- 5. Incorrect file format and uncollated answer scripts will not be considered.
- 6. Incorrect answer scripts and/or submissions made on unofficial examination platforms (including the invigilator cellphone application) will not be marked and no opportunity will be granted for resubmission.
- 7. A mark awarded for an incomplete submission will be the student's final mark. No opportunity for resubmission will be granted.
- 8. A mark awarded for illegible scanned submission will be the student's final mark. No opportunity for resubmission will be granted.
- 9. Only the last file uploaded and submitted will be marked.
- 10. Submissions will only be accepted from registered student accounts.
- 11. Students who have not utilised invigilation or proctoring tools will be deemed to have transgressed Unisa's examination rules and will have their marks withheld.
- 12. Students have 48 hours from the day of their examination to upload their invigilator results from the Invigilator App. Failure to do so will result in students deemed not to have utilised invigilation or proctoring tools.
- 13. Students must complete the online declaration of their work when submitting. Students suspected of dishonest conduct during the examinations will be subjected to disciplinary processes. Students may not communicate with other students or request assistance from other students during examinations. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity, and students who do plagiarise or copy verbatim

from published work will be in violation of the Policy on Academic Integrity and the Student Disciplinary Code and may be referred to a disciplinary hearing. Unisa has zero tolerance for plagiarism and/or any other forms of academic dishonesty.

- 14. Students are provided 30 minutes to submit their answer scripts after the official examination time. Students who experience technical challenges should report to the SCSC on 080 000 1870 or their College exam support centers (refer to the Get help during the examinations by contacting the Student Communication Service Centre (unisa.ac.za)) within 30 minutes. Queries received after one hour of the official examination duration time will not be responded to. Submissions made after the official examination time will be rejected by the examination regulations and will not be marked.
- 15. Non-adherence to the processes for uploading examination responses will not qualify the student for any special concessions or future assessments.
- 16. Queries that are beyond Unisa's control include the following:
 - a. Personal network or service provider issues
 - b. Load shedding/limited space on personal computer
 - c. Crashed computer
 - d. Using work computers that block access to myExams site (work firewall challenges)
 - e. Unlicensed software (eg license expires during exams)

Postgraduate students experiencing the above challenges are advised to apply for an aegrotat and submit supporting evidence within ten days of the examination session. Students will not be able to apply for an aegrotat for a third examination opportunity. Postgraduate/Undergraduate students experiencing the above challenges in their second examination opportunity will have to reregister for the affected module.

17. Students experiencing technical challenges should contact the SCSC on 080 000 1870 or via e-mail at Examenquiries@unisa.ac.za or refer to the Get help during the examinations by contacting the Student Communication Service Centre (unisa.ac.za) for the list of additional contact numbers. Communication received from your myLife account will be considered.

ii. MCQ/Quiz examinations

- 1. This is a fully online examination.
- 2. Students are provided **one** submission opportunity for their MCQ/Quiz examinations. No additional time will be allocated for resubmissions.
- 3. Students are advised that the examination duration time commences as the students start their examination. No additional reading time is provided.
- 4. If utilising your cellphone to respond to your MCQ/Quiz examination, update your cellphone operating system before commencing your exam. Also, clear the cache and cookies memory before starting your exam.
- 5. **DO NOT** open your examination in multiple browser windows or tabs at the same time. If you do so, the system will automatically submit responses on behalf without

- your knowledge. Marks awarded for automatic submissions will be final marks. No additional opportunity for resubmissions will be given.
- 6. **DO NOT** click your browser's back button while taking your examination. Students are at risk of losing previous responses should they utilise browser navigation buttons. Students are advised to always use Moodle navigation buttons to move to the next and previous (if allowed) question, and to "Save" and "Submit".
- 7. The system will automatically save your responses as you click on the next question.
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