

MSCI 432: Midterm Exam Statement (Winter 2021)

Instructions: This take-home exam is an individual assessment activity.

Schedule: The date and time of the exam is listed below:

Exam window begins on February 23, 2021 at 8:00 AM – (Eastern Time; Waterloo, Ontario)
Exam window ends on February 24, 2021 at 8:00 AM – (Eastern Time; Waterloo, Ontario)

Duration of the Exam: The exam is 2 hours and 30 minutes long with 20 minutes of grace period for uploading answers in a single PDF/JPEG file. (A total of 2 hours and 50 minutes.)

How to Access it: On February 23 at 08:00 AM, you will receive an email for this assessment from 'crowdmark', click **Go to Assessment**. This email will be sent to your official email address that is listed on Learn. The clock will automatically start once you start the assessment.

How to Submit it: You can submit the exam in an electronic format on the 'crowdmark' portal. Students will have a 24-hour window from February 23 at 08:00 AM (Eastern Time; Waterloo, Ontario) to February 24 at 08:00 AM (Eastern Time; Waterloo, Ontario) to complete the exam. Late submissions will not be accepted. *Please don't leave the submission to the last moment.*

Submission Format: You are allowed to solve the exam on your tablets, sheets of paper, or MS word etc. Please ensure that you scan the sheets of paper (or take their pictures) and then convert them in PDF files before uploading.

As a good practice, write the question numbers and page numbers where applicable. Your exams should be readable (with legible handwriting) and must have a reasonable (file) size.

Exam Format: All the questions in this exam will be open-ended. No multiple-choice or True/False questions will be asked. The exam will be based on the materials covered in the lecture slides of Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 of the assigned textbook (alternatively, Lectures 1 to 5). If a topic is included in the book but excluded from the slides, you will not be tested on it.

The exam will consist of a mix of quantitative and qualitative questions.

What Aids are Permitted: This is an open book/notes exam.

Academic Integrity/Cheating Policy: Absolutely no collaboration is permitted during the tests. Please do not discuss the questions with each other. At this time, I am relying on your integrity and honesty. Hope you will not disappoint me. In case, you get approached by someone for answers, please report it to me in confidence. I also want to point out that the questions will ask for your own personal understandings and sharing your idea with others would get you and your collaborators in trouble.

Suspicious of test collaboration will be submitted directly to the Associate Dean of Undergrad Studies for assessment. Although collaboration is tempting in an online environment, it is also very easy for all of your instructors to compare assessments. An investigation will trigger a more in depth look at all of your submissions.

I would stress that it is a great opportunity to demonstrate your own learning with no pressure to memorize the content.

Wishing you best of luck!

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