UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Student Preparation Guide
Be sure to schedule your exam at least 72 hours in advance.

Chrome is the recommended browser. Make sure your equipment meets ProctorU's technical requirements at www.ProctorU.com/testitout. Tablets are not sufficient for taking a proctored exam.

Even with the best wireless connection, the extra load of the proctoring software will slow things down and make it difficult for images and charts to load and to save answers to your questions. If you do not have an Ethernet cable, buy one and learn how to use it before your exam.

Go to www.ProctorU.com/testitout the day before or the day of your exam. Test your system in the same environment you will be taking the test. Take the extra step to connect with a live proctor.

Not in a coffee house, not in a car, not on an airplane. Take your exam at home, at a library or any place where you will be uninterrupted.
PRE-EXAM CHECKLIST

1. Please visit www.proctoru.com/testitout to check your equipment before logging in for your appointment. Ensure you are using the same computer in the same testing environment that you will be using for your appointment.

   Also, test your equipment around the same time of day that your exam is scheduled. For example, if your exam is Friday at 7:00 p.m., test your equipment around 7:00 p.m. on an earlier day of that same week.

2. Test in a well-lit, quiet and private room. Overhead lighting is preferred and windows should be covered. If overhead lighting is not possible, please ensure your light source is not directly behind you. This will make it difficult for your proctor to see you.

3. Please have your photo ID ready.

4. Please bring a reflective surface such as a mirror. This will help you show the edges of your monitor to your proctor.

5. Please close out all programs, applications and websites that do not pertain to the exam.

6. Remember to take your exam in a private location and that no one is allowed in the room during your appointment. Please do not test in an open location such as a living room or kitchen and ensure that all doorway entries are in view of the webcam.

7. Please do not talk aloud or cover your mouth during the exam.

8. Please remove any hats, sunglasses and headphones.

9. Be sure to remove any unallowed physical and digital notes from the workspace. If a book is a permitted resource for your exam, it must be either a physical copy of the book or a digital copy on your computer, not a tablet or cellphone.

10. Please remove from the room any cell phones, tablets, smart watches or laptops not connected with the live proctor.

11. Once you have completed your exam, it is important that you notify your proctor that you are ready to submit the exam. The proctor will observe you clicking submit to verify the exam submission. After verification, the proctor will observe as you log out of the testing website and close the internet browser before ending your proctoring session.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

For questions, please contact your instructor, visit www.proctoru.com/faq or use the LiveChat at www.ProctorU.com.
You will take your exam electronically using the course website, but you will register with ProctorU for your exam appointment. You need a webcam, speakers, microphone and a reliable Internet connection to take your exams. Wireless Internet is not recommended. You will also need a mirror or other reflective surface.

Sign up with ProctorU and schedule your exam appointment times during the first week of the semester. You must schedule an appointment at least 72 hours before an exam. Failure to do so will result in additional fees and reduce the likelihood that the time you want will be available. You will receive a confirmation email from ProctorU after scheduling. If you experience any trouble with online registration, use the LiveChat at www.proctoru.com or call 855-772-8678.

Prior to each exam, go to the ProctorU help desk at www.ProctorU.com/testitout to ensure your computer and equipment are ready for online proctoring.

The help desk page checks equipment and software and gives a pass/fail on each.

Next, take the extra step connect to a live person:

This process only takes a few minutes and is completely free.

If you are unable to take an exam due to technical issues on your end, that is your responsibility. However, if technical issues arise during the appointment, ProctorU will document those difficulties and communicate with your instructor to help make alternate arrangements.

For additional questions, please use the LiveChat at www.ProctorU.com.
Need help or have a question? Talk to a real person!

ProctorU now offers LiveChat. When visiting www.ProctorU.com, or after signing into a ProctorU account at go.proctoru.com, test-takers can speak to a live representative.

Have questions about scheduling or a technical equipment question?

Simply click on the window in the bottom right, fill out the form and start chatting!