

# Proctored Exam Alternatives

During this transition to widespread online delivery, your institution may have arrangements for online proctored exams; however, many online proctoring vendors will be overwhelmed by the greatly increased demand across the country. Additionally and per SACSCOC, you cannot expect students to pay any additional costs associated with identity verification that were not clearly communicated at the initial time of registration for the class. While each institution will need to decide how they wish to handle additional requests and funding for online proctoring, you may want to minimize reliance on proctored examinations during this emergency transition for the remaining weeks of the semester. In that spirit, here are some alternatives to proctored exams that you

You can also reach out to your local campus *Center for Teaching Learning* for additional suggestions and help.

Consider using the effective **inoculation** approach to reduce incidences of academic dishonesty. Require students to include a statement in their essay or paper (or answer the first

policies set forth by my institution regarding academic honesty and confirm that I have followed

## Essays and papers

questions can be shared as timed essay exams or as an assignment that is emailed or submitted via the learning management system. Below are a few ideas and some alternatives to get you started.

**Executive Summary:** require students to provide a synthesis and summary of the chapters or to provide essential information to a possible client regarding course materials.

### Create an infographic or Poster Session

learned. This could be an option for a paper or other report.

**Real-life application questions:** Ask students to write an OpEd essay on an issue. For upper-level courses, they could write a conference proposal or mini-grant request.

**Road Trip:** have students select and defend five locations that someone should visit so that they could form an understanding of the course material. Excellent for history, literature, and social science courses.

**Alternatives to the Paper**

If you want to see your students share the information, ask them to present it in a live webinar,