

# Midterm Announcement

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## 1 Date and Time

The midterm takes place from 3:10-4:00PM on Friday, March 15th. Alternate times are **only** available for those students who can **provide documentation** of University course conflicts (meaning you have a regularly scheduled University of Toronto class on that day). If that is you, **you must notify the coordinator of this no later than Monday, March 11th at 11:59PM** via [nicholashoell@gmail.com](mailto:nicholashoell@gmail.com). In your email you must include a screenshot from you schedule indicating the conflict. Your email should include the words "Modterm Conflict" somewhere in the subject line.

## 2 What to Bring

Bring the following with you to the test room.

1. You **must bring your T-card**. We will be checking IDs during the test. As well, you'll be required to sign your name both to the exam and to the roster during the test.

You are **NOT** allowed the use of any electronics whatsoever during the test. No calculators will be allowed. Your phones are expected to be shut off so as to ensure no sound (i.e. "silent mode" is not good enough because the vibrations are audible). Just as in final exams, we expect you to have your watch (if you wear one) on your desk, not on your wrist.

### 3 A Note on Conduct

If you are caught talking once the test has begun and before the test has ended, you will be subject to the penalties determined by the Office of Student Academic Integrity. A caution: If you are talking during the test, the (reasonable) assumption is that you are cheating, and we have zero tolerance for any form of cheating or misconduct in MAT223. Don't test us. You should read

<http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/exams/rules>

The invigilators will give you a warning once the time is coming to an end. Once the test has come to an end, you are to stop writing. In the past, students have tried to continue writing after time was up. Those situations are direct defiance and will be sent over to the Office of Student Academic Integrity as well. Doing this is, in my opinion, not just obnoxious, but tantamount to cheating since you are giving yourself time other students don't have. It's not worth trying, and **I pursue these cases aggressively**.

When the test is over, **leave the room**. The invigilators need to take care of various things and don't have time to answer questions.

### 4 The Test

Here are some things to NOT do during the test.

1. **Do not remove pages from the test booklet**. This is printed on the cover page of the exam but every semester a handful of students ignores this. We will dock points from your exam if you do this.
2. Do not unstaple the booklet. As above, we may dock points from your exam if you do this.
3. Do not doodle on the QR code.

4. For True/False, do what it says, which is **answer with the words “true” or “false”**. Don’t write just the letters T or F. Don’t circle the word “true” or “false”. Just do exactly what the question asks.

Make sure that if you have work continue on an extra page that you clearly indicate this on the page containing the question which needs continuing.

## 4.1 Format

The test has 5 questions. You’ll be asked to give definitions, which, of course, will receive no partial credit. The last question is True/False. For True/False you will receive 3 points for each correct answer, and will be docked 2 points for each incorrect answer, but your score on the True/False page remains bounded from below by 0. If you leave a question blank, of course you receive a zero for that True/False question.

**Some of the questions** indicate points you will receive if you leave the question completely blank. That is to say, if you show up to the test, write your name on the front, hand it back to us and walk out *you will receive more than a zero on the test!* The reasons for this are simple:

- We want to reward honesty and humility. Being aware that you have no idea how to solve something is a skillset.
- When people write things that don’t make sense in hopes of just grabbing some partial credit, it wastes everyone’s time. The student time is wasted since, often they don’t get the sought-after partial credit, and it wastes the time of the grader.

Keep in mind though, where there are questions indicating points which will be given if the question is left blank *that doesn’t mean those are the points given for incorrect work!* Namely, if you write something on one of those questions which doesn’t warrant partial credit, you will get a zero (and would have been better off leaving it blank).

## 5 Locations

The test rooms are as in the table below. The names are *inclusive* in the sense that something like “We-Xi” means “all students whose last name begins with the letter We though to, and including, those whose last name begins with the letters Xi”. “Weaver”, for instance, is in that group, as is “Xiang”, for example.

| Room  | Family Name |
|-------|-------------|
| EX100 | A-K         |
| EX200 | L-S         |
| EX300 | T-Wang      |
| EX310 | Watkins-Y   |
| EX320 | Z-Zz        |

## 6 After the Test

When the test is done, **leave the test room quietly**. The invigilators have a lot of work to do and won't have time answering questions. **Do not send us emails** of the form "On question 3, I wrote '\_\_\_' do you think that I will get some partial credit..." Similarly, **don't email us requests about your marking of any kind**. Those emails don't get replied to and are not positively received.

Once the grades are finished (which will be done as soon as reasonably possible this time), you will be able to view a pdf-type file of your test via CrowdMark. **Don't ask how long the marking will take**: the marking will take however long it takes to be graded fairly and consistently. Speed takes a distant third to those criteria.

**Important note:** The email from Crowdmark may mistakenly end up in your clutter folder, so make sure you check there when the time comes.