

University of Nicosia Announcement Regarding Proctorio 6th of May 2020

Dear students

We hope that you are all in good health and strong during this difficult period. We do fully understand the stress and anxiety that you have and how this will naturally grow during the final assessment/examination period. We want to assure you that our highest priority is your well-being. We want to ensure that we will provide you with the best possible examination environment so that you succeed in your final assessment/examinations.

Further to various letters received and feedback and discussions with your representatives, this is to clarify that Proctorio electronically invigilated written examination was and remains **one of a number of** methods that the University of Nicosia will use for final assessment. Please visit our website "Frequently Asked Questions / Final Examinations (Excluding Joint Programmes)" for information with regards the various assessment methods that we plan to use (https://www.unic.ac.cy/spring2020/), https://www.unic.ac.cy/el/spring2020/).

More specific summary information can be found at $\frac{https://www.unic.ac.cy/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FINAL-EXAMS_ASSESSMENTS-Spring-2020.pdf, whereas more details can be found at <math display="block">\frac{https://www.unic.ac.cy/alternative-methods-of-assessment-in-an-authentic-context-guidelines-for-students/.$

We would like to reassure you that each instructor has chosen the best assessment method for her/his students and class. Proctorio examinations assume the students' consent. Instructors who have originally selected Proctorio exam and there was no student consent will/have consider(ed) alternative methods of assessment.

For those classes that will be assessed through Proctorio-invigilated examinations (with the students' consent), we would like to provide you the following answers to concerns raised.

1. How will the exam be delivered and administered?

You will be using Moodle as usual. Proctorio will **only** provide the electronic invigilation and thus you won't have to learn any new system.

2. Will an Intelligent 360 Camera Scan/Record the room from where you will take the exam? No. The camera will be invigilating you during the examination (similarly to what WebEx does).

3. Will you need to present any ID for verification?

No, authentication will be carried out at a later stage, after the end of the examination, and will be based on the student data already stored in our own information systems.

4. Is Proctorio used by other Universities?

Proctorio is widely used by many well-known and top universities such as Harvard University, Columbia University, The University of Technology Eindhoven, Kent State University, University of South Florida and University of Texas at Austin (https://proctorio.com/customers).

5. Is Proctorio Secure and GDPR compliant?

Proctorio is both safe and GDPR Compliant. Please refer to https://proctorio.docsend.com/view/7d9haju.



6. Will the duration of the exam be extended, taking into consideration the difficulties faced during the learning process and the need for typing answers?

Yes. Examination duration is extended by one hour. Thus you will have either a 3-hour or a 4-hour examination (instead of a 2-hour and 3-hour examinations) based on the course you are taking.

Please note that the Final Assessment/Examination Schedule will be ready by the 8th of May 2020, 13:00.

We would like once more to reassure you that you are at the center of our attention and wish you again good health and strength. We are very sure that with the appropriate preparation you will do well during the final assessment.