It is a regulation of Yale College that all tests and examinations be carefully proctored. The incidence of cheating at Yale has always been relatively low, but it is unfair to expose students to temptation at a time of pressure and anxiety. During tests and examinations students should be seated apart from each other as much as possible. If they are permitted to take breaks in the hall outside the examination room, the hallway should also be proctored. Students reporting for an examination who have brought study materials with them, whether print or electronic, should be asked to deposit these materials at the front of the examination room until the examination has concluded. The use of cellular phones or electronic messaging devices during examinations is prohibited.

All requests from students with disabilities for special accommodations with respect to examinations must be made in advance through the University’s Resource Office on Disabilities (http://yalecollege.yale.edu/student-services/resource-office-disabilities). If the request is approved, the director of the Resource Office will send a letter to the instructor describing the accommodation to be provided, such as locating a quiet space for the student to take the examination over a prescribed period of time and the possibility of providing a proctor. The proctoring obligations described above also apply to such special accommodations.

At the appropriate time in the term, the registrar sends each instructor more detailed instructions for the conduct of examinations.