Take Home Exams: Using ExamSoft Website

How to Download and Submit a Take Home Exam (PC and Mac)

The Examplify software is **NOT** used for take home exams.

You will be required to log into the ExamSoft website at www.examsoft.com/mcgill and download the take home exam questionnaire. Timing ("count down" of exam duration) will begin once the exam file is downloaded. You must then log out of the ExamSoft portal. To submit your take home exam response, you will log back into the website and upload the exam answer file. Only one exam answer file can be uploaded. Students will not be permitted to submit any additional work or an alternative version. Only the original submission will be forwarded for grading.

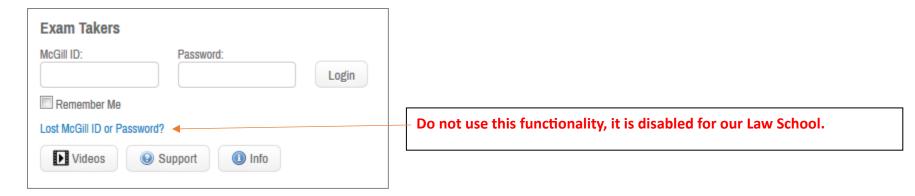
Take home examinations must be completed once the exam questionnaire has been downloaded.

Take home exams must be completed within the examination period which ends at 5pm on the last scheduled exam day. You may submit at any time of the day or night, any day of the week, including weekends, as long as you respect the duration of the exam and exam period. Late submissions will be subject to <u>late penalties</u>.

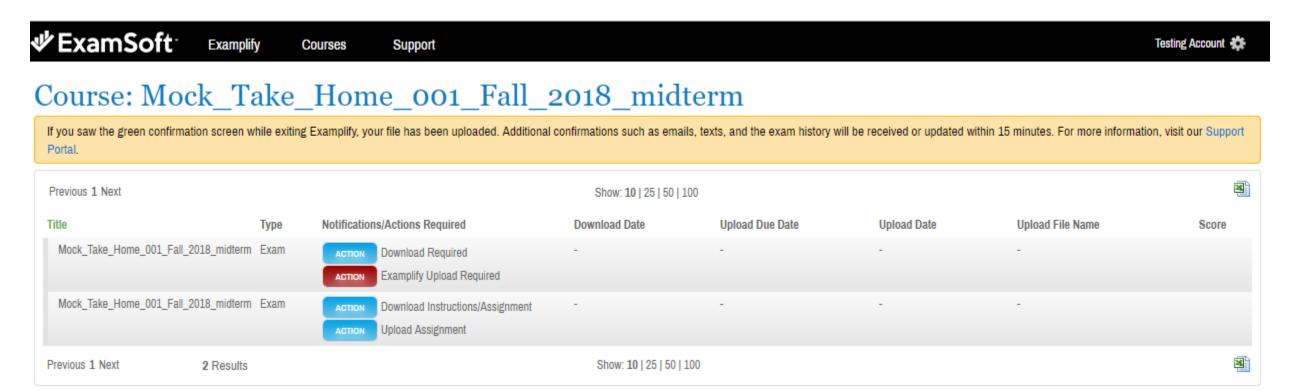
Downloading your take home exam questionnaire

The following steps will guide you through downloading a take home exam questionnaire.

- 1. Using a supported browser such as Firefox or Google Chrome, go to http://www.examsoft.com/mcgill
- 2. At the log in section marked **Exam Takers**, enter your 9-digit McGill ID and your assigned password. The password is your current Term Specific Exam Code found on Minerva (midterm exam code for midterm exams; final exam code for final exams; exception: first year students will use **final exam codes** for **December exams**) prefaced by the case sensitive word law (no spaces, no hyphens) e.g. if your exam code is GR-AAAA, then your password is lawGRAAAA



3. Click the **Courses** tab located at the top of the page. Under the column **Course**, click the take home exam you wish to take.



- 4. Click the **Action** button for "Download Instructions/Assignment"
- 5. The **Download Instructions/Assignment** pop-up window appears.

Download Instructions/Assignment



Please note that once you click Download, you will be marked as having downloaded the instructions/assignment.



Click Download. Timing will begin.

6. Save the exam questionnaire file on your computer at a location where it can be easily accessed as you will not be able to access it again.

Once you have dowloaded your Take-Home Exam, log out of ExamSoft.



The date and time the exam response is due can be found under the **UPLOAD DUE DATE** column. (Ignore the time under the NOTIFICATIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED column as it is misleading.) Students must upload their examination answer file within the exam's designated duration as specified on the examination instruction form and within the examination period. The examination period ends at 5pm on the last scheduled exam day.



Uploading (submitting) your take home exam answer

Use a word processing application to write your exam. Make sure to differentiate your exam response file name from the exam guestionnaire file name.

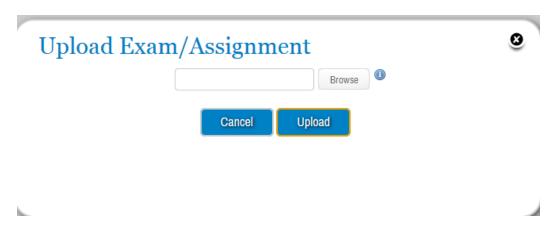
NOTE:

In order to protect your anonymity, your exam response, including cover page, must be identified by your term specific exam code. Do not include your name or student ID number in either the file name or body of the document. When you save the file, include your Exam Code, the Course Title and the Term (example "ABCD_Course Title_Fall 20##.doc")

Students are advised to begin the upload process 30 minutes before the deadline to allow for any unforeseen technical problems. Late submissions will be subject to late penalties.

After completing the exam, follow these steps to upload/submit your take home exam answer file.

- 1. Go to http://www.examsoft.com/mcgill
- 2. At the log in section marked Exam Takers, enter your 9-digit McGill ID and your assigned password and click LOGIN.
- 3. Click the **Courses** tab located at the top of the page. Under the **Course** column, click the take home exam for which you wish to submit a response. Click the **Action** button for "Upload Assignment". The **Upload Exam/Assignment** window opens

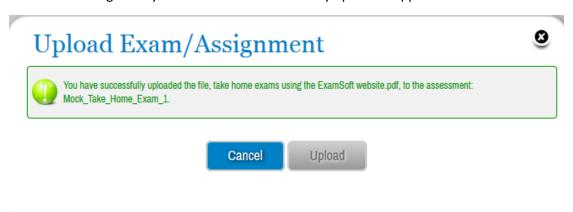


4. Browse, select and upload the answer file

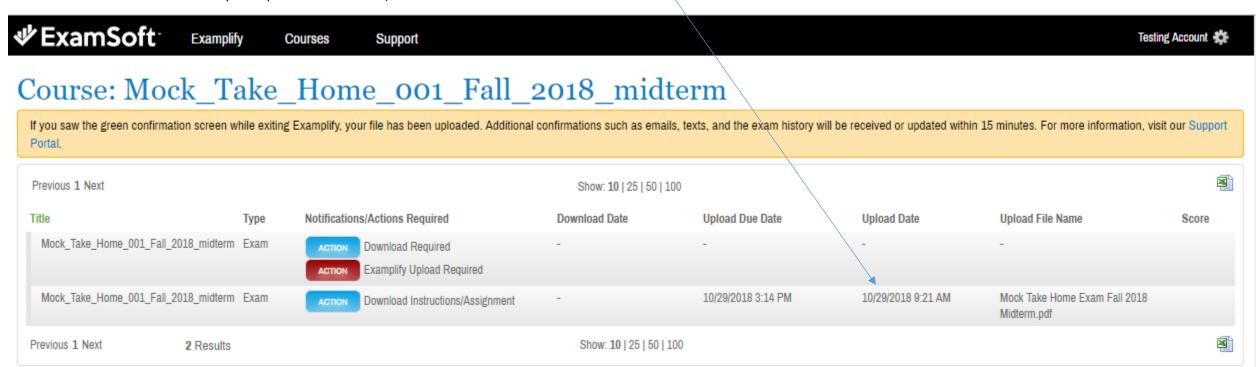
WARNING: Ensure you select the correct file to upload.

- You will not be able to preview the file in the system prior to submission
- You will not be able to view the file after it has been submitted
- You will not be able to submit another file once your file has been uploaded

5. A message that your file has been successfully uploaded appears.



Note you will <u>not</u> receive an email to confirm your exam upload as the email functionality is not enabled for our Law School. Students can view submission history (download and upload dates as well as upload file name) by logging in to the ExamSoft portal, clicking the Courses tab at the top of the page, clicking the COURSE IN question. (As of fall 2016 the **Assignment Drop Box** is no longer functional but remains available so students can view history from previous semesters.)



TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN PLANNING FOR A TAKE-HOME EXAMINATION(s):

- Vérifiez la durée de votre examen maison (e.g. 6 heures 72 heures). En cas d'incertitude ou d'ambigüité, demandez au chargé de cours de clarifier cette information en classe.
- Once you have downloaded the exam, any questions must be directed to the SAO **not** the instructor;
- Once you have downloaded the exam, you must complete it according to the duration indicated on the exam and within the examination period;
- Students must ensure to select and upload the correct answer file as students will not be able to preview the file and submission is final. Students will not be permitted to submit any additional work or an alternative version. Only the original submission will be forwarded for grading.
- Late submissions will be subject to late penalties;
- Take-home examinations are to be individual exercises, and so confidentiality of questions and answers must be maintained unless specific instructions are provided on the exam regarding student collaboration;
- Les étudiants sont fortement encouragés à lire le guide de McGill sur le plagiat.

Support – Getting Help

Support is available during regular business office hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) through the SAO located at NCDH, Room 433 or through IT Support by appointment.

If you are unable to submit your exam, please email it, with an explanation, to: saoassignments.law@mcgill.ca