



OPEN BOOK EXAMS

What Are They & What Does It Mean During An Exam?

What is an open book exam?

Open book exams allow you to take course notes, textbooks or other specified resource materials into an exam. It is important that you clarify, with your Professor ahead of the exam, what resources will be permitted during the exam.

Types of Open Book Exams

- 1 Traditional sit-down exam with a time limit (generally a couple hours)
- 2 Take-home open book exam (time limits will vary).

Are open book exams easier? **NO! – They are not.**

This is a common misconception, but open book exams **are not easy**. Open book exams require that you demonstrate and apply your full understanding of concepts. It will never be as simple as looking up the answer in your notes.



Do I need to study for open book exams?

YES! – Open book exams are not easy.

Open book just means you don't have to memorize as much information, but you still need to be able to successfully apply your understanding of content!

Does open book mean I can use anything to help me?

NO

Generally, you are only permitted to access your course notes, textbook, and possibly a few other resources that your professor has specified.

You are **NOT** permitted to search the internet, collaborate with your peers, or access anything that hasn't been approved by your professor. If you are not sure what you are allowed to use, **ASK YOUR PROFESSOR**

Can I copy exact answers from my permitted resources?

No – copying exact answers from a resource is plagiarism. Put your answers in your **OWN** words!



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