Policy: Calculators for Exams and Other Assessments

Applicability: All PharmD Courses

Who is affected: Students, Faculty and Proctors

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Responsibility: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Policy Link: http://go.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/policycalculator

Background

Examinations are an essential element of the School's operations in which all parties must have complete confidence that no students cheated through having access to data stored on a calculator.

Policy

Student Responsibilities:

- 1) Students are expected to bring a simple, non-programmable calculator to all inclass exams and other assessments. The calculator should have exponential, log, and power functions but that are not able to save equations or text. The school does not provide calculators for exams.
- 2) If a student is in any doubt about the acceptability of the calculator they plan to use, it should be shown to the proctor as they enter the exam. All calculators are subject to inspection by proctors at any time during an exam. Proctors may grant exceptions to this requirement only when use of a more sophisticated calculator has been approved in advance of the exam by the course manager.
- 3) Any text or non-factory preprogrammed equations used by a student during an exam will constitute grounds for filing a grievance according to the Student Honor Code(http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/honorcode). The student may also receive zero or reduced credit on the exam at the discretion of the course manager.

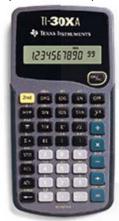
Proctor Responsibilities:

Proctors may determine student compliance by inspecting calculators at any time before, during or after an exam. Proctors may grant exceptions to the requirement of non-programmable calculators only when use of a more sophisticated calculator has been

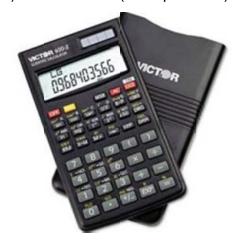
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Recommended calculators

1) TI 30 Xa (battery powered)



3) Victor 930-2 (solar powered)



2) TI 36 Xa (solar powered)



4) HP 10s (solar powered)



Reference Links:

Honor Code (http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/honorcode)

Amendment History

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