

Policy: Calculators for Exams and Other Assessments

Applicability:	All PharmD Courses
Who is affected:	Students, Faculty, and Proctors
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Policy Link:	https://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.

Student Responsibilities:

1. When permitted by the course manager(s), only a basic, non-programmable calculator or the calculator in Exemplify may be used during an exam. Students are expected to bring a simple, non-programmable calculator to all in-class examinations and assessments. The calculator should have exponential, log, and power functions, but no ability to save equations or text. The school **does not** provide calculators for exams.
2. If a student has any doubt about the acceptability of the calculator they plan to use, they should show it to a proctor before the exam begins. All calculators are subject to inspection by proctors at any time during an exam. Proctors may grant exceptions to this requirement only when the 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](https://go.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/studenthonorcode) (<https://go.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/studenthonorcode>).

Proctor Responsibilities:

1. 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 the use of a more sophisticated calculator has been approved in advance of the exam by the course manager.

Recommended Calculators:

- Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator
- Casio fx-260SOLARII Scientific Calculator
- Texas Instruments TI-30Xa Scientific Calculator

The above calculators are *examples* and may be discontinued at any time by their manufacturers. If a student has questions about the acceptability of the calculator they plan to purchase, they should email help@rx.umaryland.edu for assistance prior to purchasing.

Reference Links:

Honor Code: <https://go.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/studenthonorcode>

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