What’s the difference between selfscheduled, scheduled, and takehome exams?
Selfscheduled exams are a privilege given by the faculty in recognition of the Academic Honor Code at Bryn Mawr. This doesn’t mean that you can take the exam wherever and whenever you want to, though – exams must be taken during one of the threehour selfscheduled exam periods designated by the registrar’s office in one of the designated rooms. It’s up to you which of these time slots and spaces you choose. Scheduled exams take place during the beginning of the finals period. They’re more common for film, art history, and intermediate and beginning language courses that have audio or visual components as part of the exam. Takehome exams vary significantly in length and format. Your professor will let you know what the guidelines are, but you should feel free to ask questions if something is unclear. For more information, including lists of courses with scheduled and self-scheduled exams, please visit the About Final Exams page, https://www.brynmawr.edu/registrar/about-final-exams.

What if my exam is open book? If your professor allows any outside resources (e.g. dictionaries, formula sheets, or notes) to be used during the exam, you need to take your exam in one of the open book rooms. Only students taking open book exams can use these rooms, which are typically Taylor B and Park 336/337. Calculators can be used in any exam room.

What’s the deal with blue books? You should use a blue book for any long written responses or essays that may be part of your exam, unless otherwise specified by your professor. Blue books are provided in all of the testing rooms; ask your proctor if you need more. You can also use blue books as scratch paper or to write an outline. Submit all blue books you have used along with your exam.

What should I do if there’s an emergency? If there’s a problem with your exam, write the time at which you stopped on the exam envelope and notify the proctor in your building. You will be given a correct exam, and the amount of time you had remaining in the testing period to complete it. If you become ill or there’s some other emergency, write the time at which you had to stop on the exam envelope, and give all your exam materials (including blue books) to the proctor in your building. After doing so, you must go directly to the Health Center if you are ill. If the Health Center is closed and you need immediate medical attention, call Campus Safety.

If you have further questions about final exams at Bryn Mawr, feel free to contact:
- Head of the Honor Board (honorboard@brynmawr.edu) or other Honor Board members
- Registrar’s Office (registrar@brynmawr.edu or in person in Guild Hall)
- Access Services (dalder@brynmawr.edu)
- Deans Peer Mentors Academic Support and Learning Resources Specialist (rheiser@brynmawr.edu)

More information:
- Honor Code Rules for Self-Scheduled Exams
- Bryn Mawr College Honor Code
- Bryn Mawr College Campus Map
- Registrar’s Office Exam Information