# TEST RULES
## for Undergraduate Courses taught
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## An Explanation of my Philosophy

Traditionally cheating has been a serious problem in Turkey. I am not sure if it is still a problem at Bilkent, but having a strong anti-cheating policy still has significant benefits. First, it reassures all students that others are not cheating. Second, it is intended to make cheating so risky that no one will do it.

To achieve these goals I will penalize students for *behavior that could make cheating possible* a significant—but not a devastating—amount. I am quite aware that most of the times I penalize people who have not cheated. However the penalty is small enough that it does not ruin a students class grade.

By the way I also know that people do cheat on my quizzes and exams when I do not catch them. I have successfully prosecuted students for cheating in the past. What can I say? I am working as hard as I can to create a fair and even handed policy, and hope you will be understanding if you feel like I penalize you by mistake.

(I should mention that one of the rules is not an anti-cheating policy. I expect everyone to stop working the second the test is over. If I don't do this then obnoxious and rude students get more time by demanding it. This is not a good incentive and unfair to polite students.)

## The Rules

Ignorance of these rules is not an acceptable excuse for not following them. For every rule—unless otherwise noted—a violation means an automatic deduction of **1 point**, and up to **5 points** for a serious violation.

1. All rules in the Fairness Clause on the Syllabus or imposed by the Department or University.

2. No looking up during the test except directly at the blackboard or ceiling.

3. No speaking during the test.

4. All Cell phones must be turned off and put away.

5. The test is over precisely at the time indicated on the test, no matter how late the student or how late the start of the test. **Any** violation will cost you at least **5 points**.

6. Sit in every other seat as much as possible and do not sit by your friends or acquaintances.

7. If you do not bring your ID to an exam you lose **10 points**. A school ID or any official government picture ID will do.