Looking for an Alternative for an In-Class Exam?

This resource has options, whether you are looking for a solution to students not able to take your exam as planned or a replacement for the whole class. You can adjust your exam options or develop an alternative to a timed exam in order to assess students accurately.

Exam Options

Use Blackboard test options to:

- randomize questions and/or answers,
- draw from a question pool.
- Create a wide testing window with a time limit (e.g., a 1-hour exam taken within 48-hour window)

Shift to an open book/take-home exam

- Ask questions that incorporate personal experience or require supporting evidence.
- Increase complexity of questions to include critical thinking.
- Ask students to explain how they would solve a problem or why they would choose an answer (why it is correct, why other choices are not).

Transform Your Exam into an Alternative Assessment

Identify the types of questions in your exam [Type categories informed by Blooms' Taxonomy].
Your exam may include a variety of types and require different alternatives.

- **Remember**: for foundational knowledge (terminology, concepts)
- **Apply**: utilize a concept or execute a skill
- **Analyze**: assess a situation or appraise a problem
- **Evaluate**: defend a prediction or recommend a solution

Draw from the options below for options or inspiration. Instead of an in-class exam, your students could:

Alternative Assessments to an Exam			
Remember	**Apply**	**Analyze**	**Evaluate**
Take frequent quizzes	Write a paper – research, reflective, or persuasive.	Develop responses to scenarios or case study	Record a presentation with recommendation
Use terms in paragraph/essay	Build an annotated bibliography of research	Write a memo or briefing	Make a diagram or chart with explanation
Write test questions	Or an annotated bibliography, of course readings.	Present a digital poster (research)	An annotated portfolio of 'best work' to date
Record narration of problem-solving	Write a fact sheet	Create a brochure, poster, advertisement.	Conduct a self-assessment against a rubric

Get Help to explore your needs to see what options might work for you.