



Policy Title

Encouragement to Use Laptops for Exams Policy

Policy Number

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I. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to encourage students to use laptops to take examinations and explain the importance of laptop usage.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to faculty and students.

III. Policy Compliance

This policy will encourage faculty members to inform students on the importance to use laptops to take examinations and explain the importance of laptop usage for examinations.

IV. Policy Definitions

Not applicable.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedure

The policy was created by the SULC administration and faculty to encourage students to use laptops to take examinations and to explain the importance of laptop usage, particularly as it relates to the impact on passage rates on the Louisiana bar examination. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will be charged with implementing and enforcing this policy.

VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures

Students will be encouraged to use laptops to take examinations. The use of a laptop allows a student to be more efficient in writing exam answers in light of the need to manage the limited time allotted to complete an examination. Students should use laptops to familiarize themselves with the operation of the examination software for law school and on the bar examination. The passage rate for students using laptop on the Louisiana bar exam is historically higher than the passage rate for those who write out their exam answers. As such, it is the policy of SULC that all students are to be encouraged to use laptops to take examinations.

VII. Policy History and Review

This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format which was implemented in 2019. The policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle and shall be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and any changes will be submitted to the faculty for consideration.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at <https://www.sulc.edu/page/sulc-policies>.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by the faculty on March 28, 2021.



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Date