Online Test Proctoring through Examity

What is Examity?
Examity is an online test proctoring service with a range of proctoring options. It is one available method of enhancing the academic integrity within an online course. It integrates into Blackboard courses and students take exams at the proctoring level that faculty have decided upon.

What does it do?
Faculty set up a test within Examity, determining the degree of proctoring that fits their needs. The levels of test proctoring services within Examity range from the base level of student identity verification to live proctoring of individual student exams through a web cam.

Examity Service Levels:

Level AA- Automated authentication: Students take a picture of their face and their ID, answer challenge questions, and enter biometric keystroke signature to verify identity.

Level LA- Live authentication: Proctor verifies student identity through facial comparisons and answer challenge questions. Fee: $6.00

Level 1- Automated proctoring: After authentication is complete, Examity captures audio, motion, and systemic changes to identify inappropriate behaviors. Fee: $9.00 for 1st hour, $3.00 for additional hour

Level 2- Record and review proctoring: After live authentication, each test is recorded from start to finish and is later viewed by a human in its entirety to ensure that no rules have been violated. Fee: $12.00 for 1st hour, $5.00 for additional hour

Level 3- Live proctoring: After live authentication, an Examity proctor monitors the student’s surroundings and entire desktop throughout the exam. The proctor is able to comment and troubleshoot in real-time during the test. Fee: $15.00 for 1st hour, $7.00 for additional hour.

Fees are priced per student, per exam. Exams scheduled or cancelled within 24 hours of the exam (non-auto levels) will incur an additional $5.00 fee.

How do we use it?
It is not practical, possible, or necessary for every exam in every online course to be administered at the highest level of proctoring. An individualized course plan for use of Examity that balances the nature of the course and methods of assessment can be set up with the instructional technologist prior to the beginning of the term.

Use of Examity is reserved for courses that have the Distance Fee attached to them. Combined cost for exams cannot exceed $50 per student, per course. Depending on the trends of institutional usage of Examity and availability of funds, this dollar amount may be increased or decreased within the academic year and additional criteria may need to be met.
Student Use and Communication

Students should be made aware of the use of online test proctoring within a course at the beginning of the semester. Exams are set up within Examity by faculty at the beginning of the term with the help of the instructional technologist and OTS. Instructions on the exam process are provided for students. Students are given a clearly defined window of time in which to schedule their exams so additional fees are not incurred. If a student schedules or cancels an exam within 24 hours of the exam, he/she will be held responsible for the additional fee. This fee responsibility should be communicated with students at the beginning of the course.