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ACCESSING OLD EXAMS

Among the number of ways there are to study, students sometimes find it helpful to study by completing practice questions. Beyond the textbook, some professors will give copies of old exams to the libraries on campus, with the intent that students will use them. These exams—although not the same from year to year—will give you a good sense of the types of questions that the professor likes to ask, thus better preparing yourself for your final.

It is important to note, however, that not all professors will hand over copies of past exams to the libraries and so could be a reason as to why you may not be able to find past exams for specific courses.

Below you will find a series of instructions on how to access these old exams online, using the McMaster Library Catalogue.

HOW TO ACCESS OLD EXAMS:

STEP 1:
Go to http://library.mcmaster.ca/. A page similar to the below should pop up:
STEP 2:
In the search bar type in the course code of interest, followed by the words “online exam”. Hit “find”.

STEP 3:
A results page should pop up, showing you the past exams that are accessible to you online. Sometimes tests from multiple years will appear, and in some cases, only the test from the previous year will appear.
STEP 4:
Clicking on a particular exam will open up a new screen. To access the exam itself, click on the link beside the part of the page that reads “online access”.

![Library Catalogue Screenshot](image-url)