

## Respondus Lockdown Browser & Monitor

Remote proctoring is available, but not recommended. Please consider alternative assessment strategies. If you absolutely cannot use alternatives, and want to move forward using Respondus Lockdown Browser, here are some aspects to consider to minimize the impact to your students:

### Definitions:

- **Respondus Lockdown Browser** is an internet browser downloaded and installed by students, which locks down the computer on which they are taking the test so that students cannot open other applications or web pages. Lockdown Browser does not monitor or record student activity.
- **Respondus Monitor** is an instructor-enabled feature of Respondus Lockdown Browser, which uses the students' webcams to record video and audio of the exam environment. It also records the students' computer screens. Instructors can view these recordings after the exam session is over.

### Considerations:

- **If Respondus Monitor is enabled, students must have a webcam to take the test.** Be aware that many of your students may not have access to a webcam. You will need to offer an alternative assessment for students who do not have a webcam.
  - Students **may not** be asked to purchase a webcam for these exams, unless one was required as an initial expectation for the course. Requiring the purchase of additional materials not specified in the class description or original syllabus opens up a host of concerns, including but not limited to: student financial aid and ability to pay, grade appeals, and departmental policies.
- **Both Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus Monitor require a Windows or Mac computer.** iPads require a specialized app, and are not recommended.
- **Microsoft Surface tablets running Windows 10S are not supported. Android devices, Chromebooks, and Linux computers are also not supported.** For a list of supported Operating Systems and computer requirements, go [here](#).
- **Students may lack access to high-speed internet connections.** This will limit their ability to use Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor.
- **Online tests require a different approach than face-to-face tests.** Online tests should not be limited to short time periods, as you would a synchronous test (e.g. a one-hour block on a single day). Instead, your tests should be available to take during a window of least 12 hours. This accommodates students who are in different time zones or whose schedules have been disrupted. It is, however, acceptable to make the test timed, as long as students who need special disability accommodations are considered.
- **Given all of these conditions:** You will still need an alternative assessment strategy for students who cannot meet the Respondus requirements. Include this alternative in your plan to completion.
  - **Test the students' ability to use Respondus through a short self-check quiz before using it in a real assessment.** Before using Respondus in a longer, high-stakes exam, allow students to test their system through a quick demo quiz with no point value.