

Dear students,

Hope you are safe in your home and between your family,

As your safety matters, and due to the current global situation raised by the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 requiring the university to close its campuses, the AOU, from day one, had employed all its power and capabilities to provide you with the best available learning methods to continue your semester covering all the learning outcomes, hence decided the following:

- a. To create a new method of assessment defined by Short TMA (STMA).
- b. To replace the MTA assessment by the STMA for this semester.
- c. To postpone the MTA for ALL “University Mandatory Courses” and “General Requirements Courses” (mentioned in the table below) to a later time fixed when in-campus academic activity is resuming:

Deanship	Courses			
EDU	1. GR101	2. GR111	3. GR112	4. GR131
	5. GR115	6. GR118	7. GR118E	8. GR501
ELL	1. AFL111	2. AFL111	3. AFL113	4. EL099E
	5. AR111	6. AR112	7. AR113	8. EL099
	9. EL111	10. EL111E	11. EL112	12. EL112E
	13. SL101	14. FR101		
BS	1. GB102	2. GB102E		
ITC	1. TU170	2. GT101	3. GTE101	

- d. To schedule all courses so you can find out when to receive your registered courses STMA and when to submit it.

Finally, based on its social and academic role and responsibilities towards closing the educational process loop, AOU counts on you:

- To do your best while studying and profiting of your time as much as possible.
- To reflect the sense of responsibility, promote trust and self-evaluation.
- To well behave and solve the STMA assessment with the highest level of honesty and transparency.

Below, you can find the STMA Assessment’s guidelines, that can answer all your concerns.

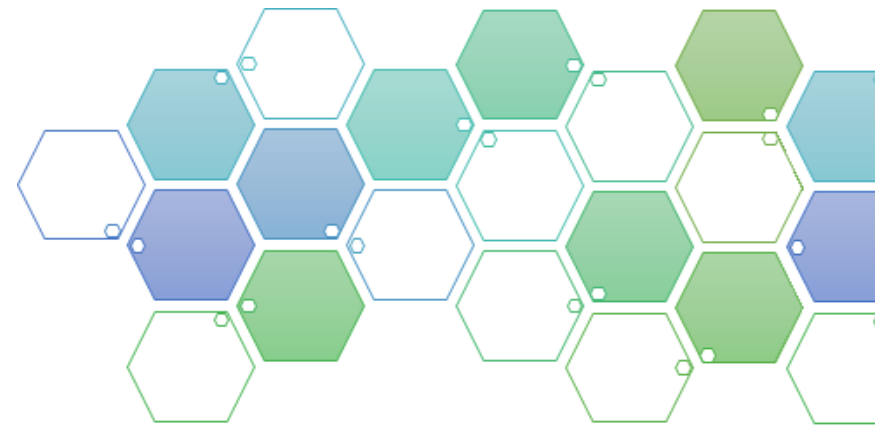
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# STMA Assessment



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You can find any further details or inquiries concerning the STMA Assessment in the followings:

#### What is STMA?

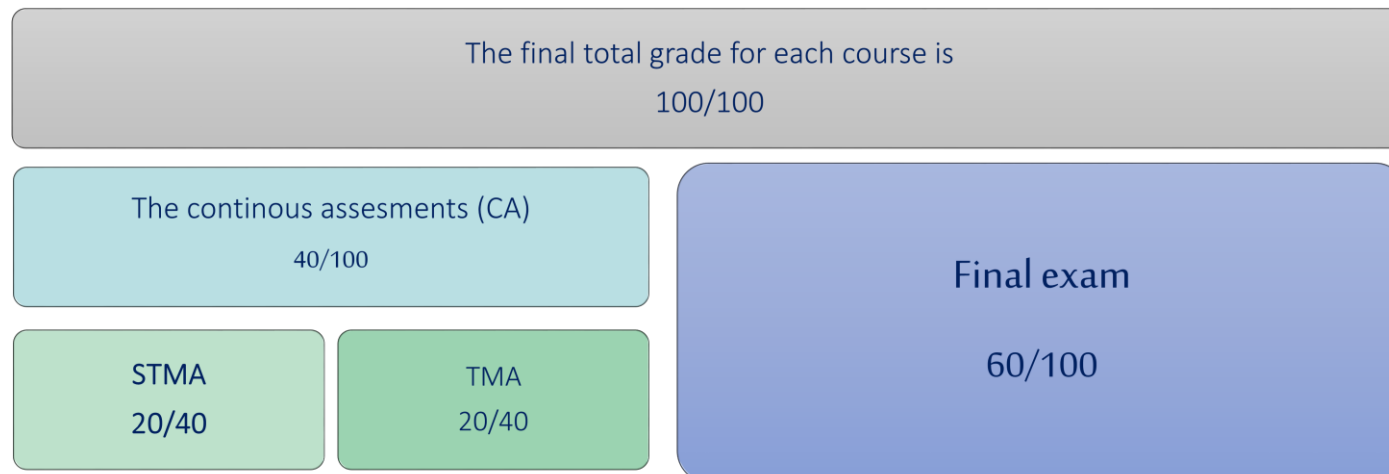
- It is an alternative assessment method instead of the Midterm.
- The STMA has been designed on the same standards that measure the students' learning outcomes that are usually aimed at any MTA. It also covers all the subjects that are usually included in the MTA.

#### Where can I find the STMA and how to submit it?

- Through your own account at the university's Learning Management System (LMS) similar to any assignment or TMA and will be submitted in the exact same way.

#### What is the assigned grade for the STMA?

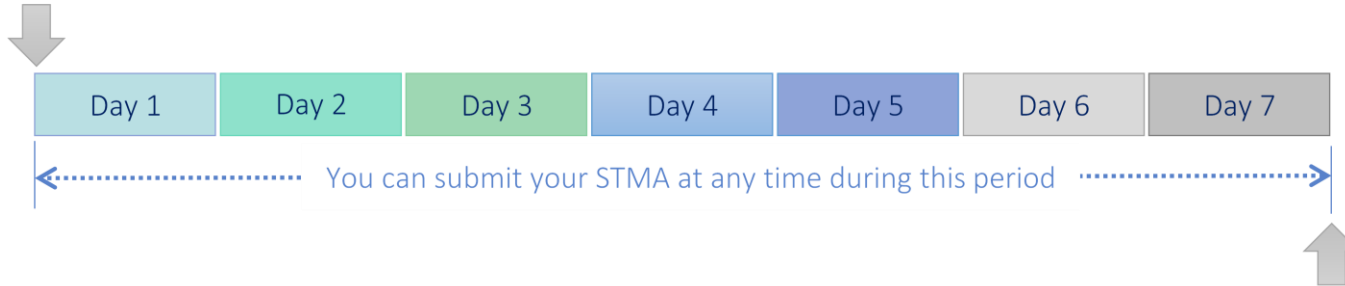
- The STMA will be out of 20%, while the whole course's grades will be distributed as shown in the following diagram



### When I will be able to access the STMA and submit it?

- A link will be posted for each registered course on the LMS according on dates and times that are detailed in the announced schedule by the Examination Department.
- You can submit the STMA starting from an hour after its activation up to one week (see the graph below)
- No further submissions will be allowed for the STMA after 7 days of its activation by the university (not based on your date of access to the posted link)
- Each course's cut off dates and times are also defined in the announced schedule

AOU posts STMA link



AOU closes STMA link

### Can I review my answers after submitting the STMA?

- You are only allowed one submission attempt Unlike the usual TMA. So, you should review and check your answers carefully before submission.

### What file format should I use in the STMA?

- For your STMA to be accepted and corrected successfully, it should be in a (doc.) format, (Word file). The answers should be **typed** (not hand written, attached picture or anything else).

### Is there any required documentation in the STMA?

- **No, there is no documentation:**
- Contrary to what is followed in the TMA, the STMA submitted answers do not require any documentations or references.

### How will the university verify or check my answers?

- Your tutor will upload your submitted STMA's answers to the Turnitin platform to verify any sort of plagiarism or copied content. In case of any proven plagiarism, the plagiarism regulations will be applied and you will receive a zero grade for the plagiarized part.
- The university will demand a visual communication to discuss and verify your answers if necessary.

### Is it possible to postpone the STMA?

- **Yes. It is possible**
- If you were not able to take the STMA within its announced schedule by the university, you could apply for a STMA postponement request to the following semester (Summer or First semesters)
- You should submit a postponement application prior to the STMA defined date through the usual and followed ways to postpone any assessment or within a non-exceeding three days' period starting from the date of activation of the STMA link by the university (as defined in the schedule) along with attaching the excuse that prevented you from taking the STMA.
- When taking the postponed assessment (STMA) next semester, the assessment method followed in that semester will be applied.
- In case of postponing any STMA, an Incomplete "I" grade will be assigned and the university regulations for such cases will be applied.

Wish you luck and success,  
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