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**Fairleigh Dickinson University Policy Statement for Student Authentication for Distance Learning**

**Student Authentication - Distance Learning**

At Fairleigh Dickinson University, distance learning students must log into a secure portal via a customized User ID and password. All students who enroll in courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University are authenticated through an identity management system that provides a unique user name and password for access. Without these identifiers, students cannot register for classes or access university tools for distance learning. The university’s policies regarding academic honesty and acceptable use of Information Resources and Technology include penalties for unauthorized use of another individual’s name and password and for cheating on examinations. In addition, some academic units offering distance learning classes use proctored exams.

In the future, when other methodologies to assist with student authentication become more prevalent and affordable, Fairleigh Dickinson University will assess their use for possible implementation. (For more information, please see Information Systems and Security’s [Acceptable Use Policy for Computer Usage](http://isweb.fdu.edu/policies/accept_policy.html), also the [Academic Integrity Policy](http://www.fdu.edu/academic/0911bulletin/academicregulations.pdf) in the University Bulletin). Instructors of distance learning courses are encouraged to require students to acknowledge the acceptance of these policies in course syllabi and in on-line materials provided for the course.