Georgia Southwestern is required to comply with U.S. Department of Education regulations to remain eligible to participate in financial aid programs. "Section 495(1)(A) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act amended the Act to require accrediting agencies [such as AACSB] to ensure that institutions offering distance education programs have processes in place to establish that the student who registers for a distance education course (in that program) is the same student who participates in, completes the program, and receives academic credit." (US Department of Education, September 2011). Proctored testing is required by the GSW School of Business to maintain our AACSB accreditation.