

First Day Slides

Basic WebAssign Usage for Students

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Useful Websites

- **WebAssign @ Purdue Login Page for Students:**

<http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html>

Use your **Purdue Career Account** information.



The main WebAssign login page

<http://www.webassign.net/login.html> is
for **instructors' use, not for students'.**

- **Other helpful websites:**

- ▶ **Mathematics Departmental Course Webpage:**

<http://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/courses>

- ▶ **Some Basic WebAssign Help:**

<http://intranet.math.purdue.edu/webassign>

Student Account Access


- Once you have **officially enrolled through Purdue Banner**, your name will automatically show up in the corresponding WebAssign course section after a successful login from **WebAssign @ Purdue Login Page**
<http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html>
- If you **change sections**, you need to **inform your instructor/TA** in order to have your records transferred. The turn-around time is about **one or two days**. Please be patient.
- You have **two weeks trial period** before you are required to enter the online access code.

Textbook List

For **Fall 2015**,

- **MA 161, 162, 165, 166, 261:**
Enhanced WebAssign Access Code for
Stewart *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, 7th Edition
(ISBN: 9781285858265, comes with e-book access)
 - ▶ Physical copy of the textbook is not required.
- **MA 262:**
Goode & Annin, *Differential Equations and Linear Algebra*, 3rd Edition
- **MA 265:**
Kolman & Hill, *Elementary Linear Algebra and Applications*, 9th Edition (plus Matlab Workbook).

Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

- 1 Purchase from Purdue University and Follett's Bookstores.
 - ▶ The **Purdue Edition** of the textbooks **comes with WebAssign online access code**:
 - ▶ For **Stewart**, the access code works for multiple semesters (as long as we use Stewart 7th edition).
 -  This appears to be a good deal for Calculus I students who would like to have a physical copy of the textbook and will presumably continue to take Calculus II and III.
 - ▶ For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code works for only one semester.

Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

- 2 Purchase the **online access code** from your **WebAssign account page**.
 - ▶ For **Stewart**, you can choose from **single** or **multiple semesters access**. (Online access to Stewart 7th edition automatically comes with an **e-book**.)
 - ▶ For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code only works for one semester. e-book is not available.

You can purchase a physical copy of the textbook from any other venues of your choice.

- 3 Go to amazon.com (be careful buying from third-party sellers) and cengagebrain.com for (occasionally) better deals.



It is **your responsibility** to make sure that you obtain the access code by the end of the two-week trial period.

Tips for Entering Your Answers in WebAssign

- For questions asking for numerics and mathematical expressions, you have by default **100 chances**.
- For multiple (True/False) questions, you have only a **limited number (one) of chances**.
- Whenever possible, always enter **exact mathematical expressions** (by using the math palette provided).
- For numerical answers, as a rule of thumb, enter at least four decimal places (or four significant numbers).
- **Capital and small letter** variables are treated **differently**: for example: Π (Pi) vs π (pi); Φ (Phi) vs ϕ (phi); Θ (Theta) vs θ (theta) and so forth.
- Questions which prompt for the open or close brackets “(”, “)”, “[”, “]” are treated as True/False questions and hence allow only **one chance**.