Basic WebAssign Information for Students

First Day Slides

Department of Mathematics
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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
Once you have **officially enrolled through Purdue Banner**, your name will automatically show up in the corresponding WebAssign course section after a successfully 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.
For Spring 2016,

- **MA 161, 162, 166, 261:**
  - *Stewart, Calculus, Early Transcendentals, 7th Edition*
    - Only Enhanced WebAssign Access Code is required.

- **MA 262:**
  - *Goode & Annin, Differential Equations and Linear Algebra, 3rd Edition*

- **MA 265:**

- **MA 266:**
Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

1. Purchase from the 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, Kolman & Hill, and Boyce & DiPrima the access code works for only one semester.
  - For Boyce & DiPrima make sure that you are buying access to WebAssign and not to WileyPlus, used in the previous semesters.
2. Purchase the **online access code** directly 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 ebook.
   - For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code works only for one semester. Ebook is not available.
   - For **Boyce & DiPrima** the access code works only for one semester. Ebook is available, but optional.

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

3. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) (avoid buying from third-party sellers) and [cengagebrain.com](http://cengagebrain.com) (Calculus courses) for 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 choice (True/False) questions, you have only a **limited number (one) of chances**.

◦ Whenever possible, always enter the **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 digits).

◦ **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**.