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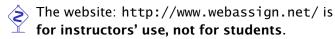## Basic WebAssign Usage for Students

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Useful Websites

- **For student log in**:

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

  Use your **Purdue Career Account** information.

  The website: http://www.webassign.net/ 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, after one day or so**, your name will automatically show up in the WebAssign roster (after you have logged in once).

If you **change sessions**, 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 **Spring 2015**,

MA 16100, 16200, 16600, 26100:
Stewart *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, **7th** Edition

MA 26200:
Goode & Annin, *Differential Equations and Linear Algebra*, **3rd** Edition

MA 26500:
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 the **best deal** for Calculus I students who presumably will 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 Calculus 7th edition automatically comes with an **eBook**.)
   > For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code only works for one semester. eBook is not available.

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

3. Go to `http://www.cengagebrain.com` for (sometimes) better deals. They will mail you the online access code and might only accept checks.

   It is **your responsibility** to make sure that you receive the code before the end of the two-weeks' 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**.