

Basic WebAssign Information for Students

First Day Slides

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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 first time the student accesses WebAssign in the Fall 2018, he/she will be prompted to create or link to a Cengage account. This is a one-time process, and the students will continue to access WebAssign using their Purdue Career Account credentials.



Students should not login through the company site– they will not be able to do their homework.

- ▶ **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 a **two-week trial period** before you are required to enter the online access code.



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

Textbook List

- ▶ **MA 161, MA 162, MA 165, 166 and MA 261:**
Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, **8th** Edition
- ▶ **MA 266:**
Boyce & DiPrima, *Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems*, **10th** Edition.



For all courses only the *Enhanced WebAssign Access Code* is required. A physical copy of the book is optional. Stewart's ebook comes with the WebAssign access code. The ebook of Boyce and DiPrima is available with the WebAssign access code, but it is optional.

Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

1. One can buy the bundle book plus access code at local bookstores for all courses.
2. One can buy the **online access code** directly from the **WebAssign account page**. The access code comes with the ebook for Stewart. The access code does not come with Boyce and DiPrima, but one can also buy access to the ebook.
3. One can buy the access codes from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (avoid buying from third-party sellers).
 - ▶ For **Stewart**, you can choose between **multiple** or **single semesters access**. Online access to Stewart automatically comes with an **ebook**.
 - ▶ Note that the multiple semester access code locks in the edition of the book.
 - ▶ For **Boyce & DiPrima** the access code is valid for one semester. Ebook is available, but optional.

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**.