

Basic WebAssign Information for Students

First Day Slides

Department of Mathematics

Purdue University

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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 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.

Textbook List

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:
Kolman & Hill, *Elementary Linear Algebra and Applications*, 9th Edition (plus Matlab Workbook).
- MA 266:
Boyce & DiPrima, *Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems*, 10th Edition.

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 semsters.

Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

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** (avoid buying from third-party sellers) and **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**.