

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>

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 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

For Fall 2016,

- MA 161, 165:
Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, 8th Edition
- MA 162, 166, 261:
Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, 7th Edition
 For all Calculus courses only the Enhanced WebAssign Access Code is required. A physical copy of the book is optional.
- 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 the **online access code** directly from your **WebAssign account page**. (Purchase a physical copy of the book elsewhere.)
 - 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. Thus, if you first use the code for the 7th edition of Stewart, you will not have access to the courses using the 8th edition of Stewart. Most students will be able to complete the Calculus sequence with the same edition as they started out with.
 - 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.

Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

2. Purchase from **amazon.com** (avoid buying from third-party sellers), Follett's, or University Bookstores.
 - For **Stewart**, you can buy the access code only, or bundled with a loose-leaf version of the book (8th edition only). Some stores may carry a **Purdue Edition** of Stewart for 7th edition. Always make sure you are getting the right edition of the book.
 - For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill** you can buy the **Purdue Edition** of the textbook, bundled with the access code (one-semester only; ebook is not available)
 - For **Boyce & DiPrima** you can buy the physical textbook bundled with the access code (one-semester only).
-  For **Boyce & DiPrima** make sure that you are buying access to **WebAssign** and not to WileyPlus, used in the previous semesters.

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**.