Math 1050-90/1060-90 Textbook and WebAssign Information

In this course, we will use both a textbook and a homework website, called Enhanced WebAssign (EWA), though we will usually refer to it as WebAssign. You have the option of getting WebAssign access (which comes with an E-reader version of the textbook) or a physical book and WebAssign access (you can purchase them bundled or separately). Enhanced WebAssign is in addition to our course website on Canvas.


Homework Website: Enhanced WebAssign (EWA) – www.webassign.net

The following information is to help you decide what form to purchase your textbook in and whom to purchase it from.

HOW THE TEXTBOOK IS USED IN THE COURSE

- The content of the course is presented in the lecture videos AND read the corresponding sections in the textbook. They cover the same topics, but content is not identical. Some vocabulary and problem types are only in the textbook.

- When you ask for help on a HW problem, I may refer you to an example in the textbook.

- The textbook is a great review tool. You can look at an example, cover over the solution, work the problem yourself and then check your work.

HOW WEBASSIGN IS USED IN THE COURSE

- Homework assignments, the required personal study plan, and optional practice materials are on WebAssign. There are also supplementary videos.

WHAT FORMAT WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR TEXTBOOK IN?

- Some students like the traditional book form. It may be easier to read, to thumb through, to write notes in, etc. It can go anywhere, whether you have internet access or not.

- Some students like the E-reader form. It’s very portable. Buying only the E-reader saves money. You can also buy the E-reader and look elsewhere for the textbook. (Borrow it from a friend; check it out on short term loan from the library; rent it; buy a used copy). You need an internet connection to use the E-reader; it is not downloadable. However, you are allowed to print a certain number of pages from the E-reader each day (there is a limit to the total number of pages you can print from a book). Note, everyone gets E-reader access by purchasing WebAssign access.

- After the semester finishes, the course EWA site, through which you access the e-reader, will be closed. You will have the option to enroll in a different “course” site, which will give you access to the e-reader and other WebAssign resources, but does not have assignments. Barring circumstances beyond your instructor’s control, this website will be open for at least three years after you finish your course.

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**HOW TO ACCESS WEBASSIGN**

On the first day of the semester, look for the announcement-quiz "A: Webassign" in the modules on Canvas. This will contain instructions about how to set up your WebAssign account.

Once you have set up the account, you can get to WebAssign in two ways. The easiest is to go through the link in the Canvas modules. You can also get there by going to www.webassign.net. This also works if Canvas is down. Look for the “LOGIN” button at the top right of the page. When the box pops up, enter “utah” as the institution. You can leave the username and password blanks empty. The next screen will say: Webassign @ University of Utah Login. Click on the “LOGIN” button. This will bring you to the University of Utah CIS sign on page. Enter your CIS uNID and password.

At this point and time, grades are NOT transferred automatically from WebAssign to Canvas. Your instructor will transfer periodically throughout the term.

**FREE-TRIAL**

There is a 14-day trial period for the WebAssign site and E-reader which starts on the first day of the semester. “Trying out” the course is a good option if you are not sure whether you want to take the class or you are uncertain whether you want to purchase a textbook or use only the E-reader.

**PURCHASING - The prices are estimates and may change. Comparison shopping is encouraged.**

- **Publisher:** New hardback Textbook + EWA access code for about $148 (free shipping). ISBN Go to http://www.cengagebrain.com/course/site.html?id=1-1PJH3L6
- **U of U Bookstore:** New hardback Textbook + EWA access code for about $140. (Note, you must wait until the first day of the semester to enter the WebAssign code.)

- **Uof U Bookstore:** This is an envelope with a sealed code, which you can use to gain EWA access. It costs about $85. (Note, you must wait until the first day of the semester to enter the WebAssign code.)
- **WebAssign:** this option is only available after the semester has started; when you login to WebAssign (see methods above), if you haven’t entered an access code, you will be given the option to purchase access online. This costs about $75.

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You MUST purchase WebAssign access in order to do the online homework. However, you may find it more economical to purchase them separately. You can also check out the textbook for short term loan at the Marriot Library.

- **Uof U Bookstore:** Loose leaf version of the textbook. (Put it in a binder, only carry the sections you need). The cost is $32 used and $40 new
- **Online Textbook Websites:** This book has been in print 2 years. There are lots of used books in circulation. Shop around and you may find a deal!

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REPEATING THE COURSE?

If you are repeating a course that used this edition of the textbook and WebAssign, you do not need to purchase WebAssign a second time. If the username and password for WebAssign is the same as for CIS, your access should roll over to this term. If not, contact WebAssign customer service to have them reset information. When you set up your account, use the procedures for someone who already has a WebAssign account.

TAKING MATH 1060-90 AFTER MATH 1050-90? TAKING BOTH COURSES CONCURRENTLY?

If you took Math 1050-90 recently and purchased WebAssign access, your textbook and WebAssign access will work for Math 1060-90 too. Follow the instructions given above for a student repeating the course when setting up your account. If you are taking both courses at the same time, follow this information when you link your second Canvas course to WebAssign.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

- Different sections of Math 1050 and Math 1060 use different textbooks. Before you buy a textbook for one section, make sure that you want to be in that section. For the online courses, it is especially important to consider whether the online format matches your learning style.

WEBASSIGN CUSTOMER SUPPORT

If you need help gaining access (especially for returning students), or have technical problems with the website, please contact WebAssign at:*

- Phone: 1-800-955-8275
- Student Support: http://www.webassign.net/user_support/student/

Contact your instructor only if you were unable to get the problem resolved. In addition to normal business hours, WebAssign Phone support has evening and Sunday hours, since these are common times for students to do homework. However, bring something to do (like studying math 😊) if you need to wait while on the phone.

*If you’re the reason you are calling WebAssign has to do with creating an account with WebAssign, or signing in, when you reach a technical support person, tell them that you are from the University of Utah and that we use a “single sign on” system that is different from most other schools in the nation. If the support person is not familiar with the University of Utah’s set-up, ask to be transferred to a technical support person who is.