

Math 1080 Textbook and WebAssign Information

In this course, we will use both a textbook and a homework website, called WebAssign (WA).

Textbook (required - available as an e-book or a textbook)

Precalculus, A Functional Approach to Graphing and Problem Solving, 6th Edition,
Karl J. Smith

Quiz/ practice material/ e-book website (required): WebAssign– www.webassign.net

You have three different purchasing options:

1. TEXTBOOK + WEBASSIGN BUNDLE, \$77.96+shipping+tax (total at end approximately \$90) when using promotion code:

UTAH25

This bundle includes the textbook and shrink-wrapped with a code which will give you access to WebAssign. It will be sent to you by mail. Order this bundle at

go.jblearning.com/Utah

This bundle is also available at the bookstore for \$104. This bundle is not available through other websites. (Don't buy the bundle on Amazon or similar sites: copies of the textbook that come with an online code are advertised, but the code is for a different online website, not WebAssign). See the return policies for the publisher and the bookstore below.

2. WEBASSIGN ACCESS ALONE

This cost for this is \$70.95. This gives you access to the e-book. You will buy this directly with a credit card from WebAssign site (when you log in through Canvas).

3. PURCHASE WEBASSIGN ACCESS AND TEXTBOOK SEPARATELY

If you can find used copies for less than about \$18, this could save you a few dollars. The bookstore carries a few used copies of the textbook for \$14.

Notes:

- **FREE TRIAL:** There is a 14-day trial period for the WebAssign site and e-book 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.
- **RETURN POLICIES:** If you buy the bundle through the publisher, you cannot return it if you have opened the outer shrink-wrap. If you buy the bundle through the bookstore, you can return it through the first week and a half of classes if the shrink wrap is opened, but the WebAssign code is not opened.
- There are copies of the textbook at the library (short term loans) and math tutoring center.
- If you are sure you want to be in the class and that you want a textbook, order this bundle before the semester starts or in the first week of class.
- You will not be able to access WebAssign until the first day of the semester, so you must wait until the first day of class to purchase access through WebAssign or register the code shrink-wrapped with your book. Also, sometimes you must wait until the 14-day free trial is over to do these things.

HOW THE TEXTBOOK IS USED IN THE COURSE

- The textbook contains your HW problems.
- Reading the sections is recommended. If you read them before the lectures, you get more out of the lectures. If you read them after the lectures, this helps solidify what you learned. There are examples in the book which are not given in lecture.
- 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

- Weekly Quizzes and optional practice materials are on WebAssign.

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 and occasionally the website can be down; the text 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, but does not have assignments. Barring circumstances beyond our control, this website will be open for at least three years after you finish your course.

HOW TO CREATE A WEBASSIGN ACCOUNT

The MOST IMPORTANT THING when you create a WebAssign account is that you use your uNID as your username and your CIS password as your password.

You will set-up your WebAssign account for this course by going to the modules, clicking on the link to WebAssign, and filling in information. For information about how to set up the account, see the document, "Creating a WebAssign Account" in the modules in Canvas.

HOW TO ACCESS WEBASSIGN (AFTER YOUR ACCOUNT IS CREATED)

Once you have set up the account, you can get to WebAssign in two ways.

1. The easiest is to go through the link in the Canvas modules.
2. 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 them periodically throughout the term.

REPEATING THE COURSE?

If you are repeating a course that used this edition of the textbook and WebAssign recently, you do not need to repurchase WebAssign. If the username and password for WebAssign is the same as for CIS, your access should roll over to this term. Please see the page 3 of the document, "Creating a WebAssign Account", which is in the modules in Canvas for more information.

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.

E-READER CUSTOMER SUPPORT

If you are having problems opening the e-book that is on WebAssign, you should contact VitalSource as they are the company that provides the E-book access. Their customer support is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

- Some questions can be answered on their website at <http://support.vitalsource.com/kb>.
- Or you can call and speak with a customer service representative at 1-855-200-4146.
- Or you can open an online chat with a customer service representative at <https://chat.perceptis.com/c/vitalsource/>.