Math 1080 Textbook and WebAssign Information

In this course, we will use both a textbook and a homework website, called WebAssign (WA). 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). WebAssign is in addition to our course website on Canvas.

| Homework Website: WebAssign (WA) – 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 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 ACCESS WEBASSIGN**

See the document, “Creating WebAssign Account,” to set up your 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](http://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.

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**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.

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

**TEXTBOOK + WEBASSIGN**

- **Publisher:** Go to [go.jblearning.com/Utah](http://go.jblearning.com/Utah) and the correct package will then appear in your shopping cart. The cost will be about $140 (which is discounted by $20 for us). This will include the hardcover text and WebAssign access (which includes the e-book).

You can order the book from the publisher before the school term starts.

**WEBASSIGN ACCESS ALONE**

- **WebAssign:** 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.

Note: Since you will not be able to access WebAssign until the first day of the semester, you must wait until the first day of class to purchase access through WebAssign or register a code bought elsewhere.

**TEXTBOOK ALONE**

You MUST purchase WebAssign access in order to do the online quizzes. However, you may find it more economical to acquire the print version of the textbook and WebAssign access separately. One student reported he found a used copy of the printed textbook on Chegg.com for $15. You can also check out the textbook for short term loan at the Marriot Library.

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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.

If you used this textbook and WebAssign BUT your username and password were not the same as for CIS, for example if you took the class at a different college/university, you will need to contact WebAssign to have your username changed. As soon as you reach a representative, tell them:

1. you are from the University of Utah;
2. the U of U uses a “Single Sign On”;
3. you need to change your username to your uID number, u0… . Your password needs to be reset so that it will be overwritten the first time you sign in.

If you have problems and are unable to resolve the issue after speaking with someone at WebAssign, contact your instructor.

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/.