

Math 1080 Textbook and WebAssign Information

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

Course Notes (required) Print out or purchase; information about these will be provided in class, you will need them by the end of Week 1/start of Week 2.

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

There is a 14-day free trial at WebAssign; this is trial of WebAssign quizzes only, not of the E-book. We recommend that you try out the course and WebAssign for a week and are certain that you will stay before you purchase WebAssign and textbook access.

Here are your purchasing options. Please see the second page for help with that decision.

WEBASSIGN ACCESS ALONE (this comes with E-book)	
	You will buy this directly with a credit card from the WebAssign site (when you log in through Canvas). Cost: \$70.95.
TEXTBOOK + WEBASSIGN	
MOST EXPENSIVE, MOST FLEXIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the U Bookstore: Purchase a shrink-wrapped WebAssign access code + textbook bundle. Cost \$104. Refund policy: 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.
LESS EXPENSIVE, LEAST FLEXIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Publisher's Website: Purchase a shrink-wrapped WebAssign + textbook bundle. Go to go.jblearning.com/Utah and use promotion code UTAH25. Cost: \$77.96+shipping+tax (total at end approximately \$90). Refund policy: you can only return it if still in shrink-wrap. You pay return shipping.
LEAST EXPENSIVE, DEPENDS ON AVAILABILITY, SLIGHTLY MORE WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a used copy of the textbook for less than \$18 and buy WebAssign access through WebAssign. The bookstore sometimes carries a few used copies of the textbook for \$14. Total cost \$85-\$90.

Notes:

- There are copies of the textbook at the library (short term loans) and math tutoring center.

HOW TO CREATE A WEBASSIGN ACCOUNT

You will need to wait until the first day of the semester in order to set up your WebAssign account. To get to WebAssign, use the link in the Canvas Modules. When you use the link for the first time, you will be automatically taken to the WebAssign course and your WebAssign account will be created for you. Contact WebAssign (see next page) and your instructor if you have any issues.

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 (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 could also go to www.webassign.net, set up a cengage password and link it to your WebAssign account.

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. Your account access should roll-over. If it does not, please contact WebAssign customer support first and then 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:

- Student Support: <https://www.webassign.com/support/student-support/>
- Phone: 1-800.354.9706.
- WebAssign has 24-7 phone support

Contact your instructor only if you were unable to get the problem resolved. WebAssign Phone support is open 24-7, but sometimes there can be long wait times. 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/>.