Math 1050-90 Textbook and WebAssign Information

In this course, we will use both a textbook and a homework website, called Enhanced WebAssign (EWA), though I'll 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.

Textbook: PRECALCULUS, 9/e edition, 2013, Larson, Chapters 1-3, 7-9, (ISBN Numbers given on Next Page)

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.

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.

TEXTBOOK + WEBASSIGN, ISBN 978-1-285-89421-8

- 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.)

WEBASSIGN ACCESS ALONE, ISBN 9781285858500.

- **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.

TEXTBOOK ALONE . ISBN 9781285892283

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!

REPEATING THE COURSE? TAKEN/ TAKING MATH 1060 WITH THE SAME BOOK?

If you are repeating a course that used this edition of the textbook and WebAssign, 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.

When you set up your account, use the procedures for someone who already has a WebAssign account.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

- Different sections of Math 1050 use different textbooks. Before you buy a textbook for one section, make sure that you want to be in that section. For Math 1050-90, it is especially important to consider whether the online format matches your learning style.
- Some sections of Math 1050 (Algebra) and Math 1060 (Trigonometry), including Math 1050-90 and Math 1060-90 use the same textbook. (Check to see if your courses do). If you purchase the EWA card for one course, it can be used for the other course. The same is true for the textbook.

CREATING YOUR WEBASSIGN ACOUNT

To set up your WebAssign account, go to the Canvas modules. Look for the link, *Math 1050 Link to WebAssign,* in the Course information modules (it's the first module). When you click this link for the first time, you will be taken to a screen to set up a WebAssign account.

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it will take you to a screen where it says "Link Courses" and has a place to put a username and a password.

If you have never had a WebAssign account before, look for the text "I don't have a webassign account." This is link. Please click on it. This will lead you to a new screen to creast e an account. Use your uNID, u*******, as your username and create the account.

If you have had a WebAssign account for a different course before with a uNID as a username*, when you come to this "Link Course" page, enter your uNID as your username and your CIS password as your password Then select link accounts. If you get an error message, it may mean that you password is incorrectly stored in WebAssign. You will need to reset your password, which you can do using the "Forgot password" option on this page, or by logging into you old WebAssign account (through WebAssign) and changing the password. You don't actually need to change the password, you just need to go through the "change password" process, so that it is saved properly. One you have done this, go back to the "Link Course" page and try again.

If you try the above steps and are not able to set up the account, please contact your instructor.

*If your username was not you uNID, contact your instructor and explain when/for what you used WebAssign in the past.

Notes: You will not have access to this course's WebAssign web page until the first day of the semester. At this point and time, grades are NOT transferred automatically from WebAssign to Canvas. Your instructor will transfer them manually every two weeks, starting in the third week of the semester.

ACCESSING WEBASSIGN ONCE YOUR ACCOUNT IS SET UP

You can go in through Canvas, just like you did to set the account up.

Alternatively, you can get to your account by going to <u>www.webassign.net</u>. 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.

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: <u>http://www.webassign.net/user_support/student/</u>

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 ^(C)) 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.