Textbook Information
Math 1050 College Algebra, Math 1060 Trigonometry
Fall 2016

In this course, we will use both a textbook and a homework website, called Enhanced WebAssign (EWA). Usually, it’s just referred to 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). These materials are in addition to our course website on Canvas.


Math 1050: Chapters 1-3, 7-9
Math 1060: Chapters 4-6, 10

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

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TEXTBOOK

RECOMMENDED:

- The most affordable option is to order it from the publisher at http://www.cengagebrain.com/course/1555485. At this site, a code to get WebAssign access costs $75 (required) and a loose leaf version of the textbook costs $40 (optional). The code is delivered electronically. Shipping for the textbook is included, but you will need to pay tax.

If you want the textbook and you can find a used version of the textbook, Precalculus 9/e by Larson (ISBN 9781285892283) for less than $40 including shipping, then buying WebAssign access above and getting a used copy of the text is a better deal.

ALSO AVAILABLE, BUT MORE EXPENSIVE:

- You can buy WebAssign access from WebAssign. This costs more than $75. There is no advantage to doing so, so I would not recommend it.

NOTE: Textbooks sold online are often marketed as containing an access code. Unless you are buying your book from the source described above, "access code" probably refers to support materials of some sort and will not give you WebAssign access. Also, I'd not recommend buying a "used" code, since there only good for one use!
**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. You will need to purchase WebAssign by the start of Week 3 in order to do the Week 3 homework.

**REPEATING THE COURSE? TAKEN MATH 1050 WITH THE SAME BOOK?**

If you have used this textbook and WebAssign in a course before, you do not need to repurchase WebAssign. 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.

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**HOW THE TEXTBOOK IS USED IN THE COURSE**

- The content of the course is presented in the lectures AND in 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.