

Getting started with WebAssign

Homework for this class will be presented and submitted online via *WebAssign*. I will make up assignments for you to work on, but the grading will be done by the *WebAssign* program. You can work at your own pace and convenience and get feedback immediately after you submit your work. *WebAssign* is on the web, so you can login to from anywhere at any time of day or night. Be sure that you have a good connection, especially when taking quizzes! Remember, your local café is in the business of selling coffee, not internet access, so their bandwidth may be crowded and unreliable. Remember, you can always access the web from the Skyline College campus; take advantage of the fast, free and reliable internet connection.

You can purchase the online version of the textbook complete with homework access directly from the *WebAssign* website for about \$75.00; if you purchased a new textbook bundle at the Skyline College Bookstore, it came complete with a *WebAssign* Access Card and you are all set. If you are using a used textbook you will need to purchase a *WebAssign* Access Card at the Skyline College Bookstore, or directly from *WebAssign* for \$47.00.

To login to *WebAssign*: Point your browser to www.webassign.net/login.html

First Time Log In: You need to add yourself to the online class roster and create an account. Click on the icon "I Have a Class Key".

- 1) Enter the class key, and then click on "Submit". The class key for your section can be found on the front page of the syllabus. If you lost the syllabus you can download a copy from my college homepage: www.smccd.net/accounts/gristg/
- 2) Verify the class information.
- 3) Select "I need to create a WebAssign account". **Important:** Only do this ONE time, on your first login. Otherwise you will create a second account and many potential problems, including lost work/credit.
- 4) **Log In Information:** Select a Username and Password. Go ahead and be creative here if you like. Be sure you select something that you will remember, as you will need this for subsequent Log Ins.
- 5) **Student Information:** Now you need to play it cool. Enter your name as it appears on your class registration. Being creative here means that I won't be able to give you credit for your work. Also enter your student ID Number (the one that looks like G00XXXXXX on your registration). This will assure that you get credit for your work and helps just in case there is another person in class with a similar name.

Subsequent Log Ins: From the Log In screen enter your Username, Institution (Skyline), and your Password.

You will be taken to a page containing a list of classes for which you can use *WebAssign*. Click on the appropriate class and you will be taken to a page containing a summary of assignments for that class. If you are registered for only one class with *WebAssign* you will be taken immediately to the assignment summary page for that class.

In the **WebAssign Notices** section you will see a reminder to register along with the date that your grace period for registration will end. Click on the appropriate link to register. If you already have an access code, there is a link for you to type in that number. If you don't yet have your code and want to purchase one immediately online, there is a link for that.

After you are registered, navigate back to the Assignments Summary page. You can always use the *WebAssign Student Guide* (or see me) if you have problems with the system.

Do the assignment "**Introduction to WebAssign**". This will help familiarize you with WebAssign which will save you time and help things go smoother in the future. Plus, you'll earn some extra credit points.

Homework: Select the appropriate one, noting any due dates. You will see the actual problems which you should print out and work at your leisure. When you are ready, login to *WebAssign* again and submit your answers. You will get immediate feedback. If you answer a problem incorrectly, you can think about it some more and resubmit it. You are allowed 3 free submissions for any one problem (or part of a problem); after that you can earn only half credit up to ten attempts total.

If you need help see me during office hours and also discuss these problems with your study group. The numbers appearing in each problem are randomized, so although the problems are the same conceptually, each student has different numerical values. This encourages you to discuss problems with your classmates, but to complete the assignment on your own.

If you miss a deadline (due date) you can give yourself **up to** a one day (24 hour) extension any time during the two day (48 hour window) after the deadline. This will cost you 25% of any new answers. Simply click on "Past Assignments" and then select an extension.

You can also look at the **answer key** for an assignment. Simply click on "Past Assignments" and then select key. Once you have looked at the key, you can no longer select an extension.

Quizzes: After you have completed the problem sets for the given period you can take a quiz. This is a great way for you to assess how well you understand the material and how you will perform in a timed situation like the exams. The quizzes are timed, typically 10 questions in 10 minutes. Once you have opened a quiz, the clock will start. When time is up you will no longer be able to submit any more answers. Be sure to click on the "submit" key often and to submit your last answer before the clock runs out. After you take a quiz, go back and focus on the areas that you had trouble with so that you can do better on the exams. There are **no extensions** for quizzes.

The system is very well designed and easy to use. You will like receiving immediate feedback for all work submitted -- at any time, day or night -- and reworking any missed questions for further evaluation. This has been only a brief introduction, so when you login to *WebAssign* be sure to read the *WebAssign Student Guide* for further information.