

Getting started with WebAssign

Homework for this class will be handled differently than you may be used to. I will make up assignments for you to work on, but the grading will be over the internet at a site called *WebAssign*. This relieves me of needless paperwork and allows me to spend more time with you learning a little science. You can work at your own pace and convenience and get feedback immediately after you submit your work. You can login to *WebAssign* from any computer with internet access. You can access *WebAssign* from home at any time of day or night, or, if you prefer, from the Skyline College campus where you can take advantage of our fast internet connections.

You will need a *WebAssign* Access Code to view your assignments. If you purchased a new textbook bundle at the Skyline College Bookstore, it came with a *WebAssign* Access Card and you are all set. If not, you can purchase a *WebAssign* Access Card at the Bookstore or you can purchase access online directly from *WebAssign*.

To login to *WebAssign*: Point your browser to <https://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".
- 2) Our class key this semester Depends on which section you are registered in:
Section AX: skyline 6459 9394 *Section AH: skyline 0413 8320*
- 3) Verify the class information.
- 4) Select "I need to create a WebAssign account". Only do this ONE time, on your first login. Otherwise you will create a second account and many potential problems, including lost work/credit.
- 5) **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.
- 6) **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 M00XXXXXX 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.

Problem Sets: When you are comfortable with the system, you are ready to do some real problem sets. Click on 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 got a problem wrong, 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. You are encouraged to see me for help and also to discuss these problems with your classmates. 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 extension any time during the two days 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 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.