

WebAssign Guide
University Calculus II
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1 Getting access to our course

Your WebAssign accounts are already created (unless you added the class recently). However, before you can start doing assignments, you'll need to gain access to the page for this class. Some of you used the Rogawski textbook last semester and obtained life of the edition access; you should already be set for the semester, as long as you use the same WebAssign account. In any case, start by going to the WebAssign login page. (There is a link to it on our official course web page.) Enter the following information: Your *username* is your Fredonia e-Services ID (four letters followed by four numbers), your *institution* is Fredonia, and your initial *password* (IF YOU DID NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE) is Euler1735. For those who already had accounts previously, your password is still the same as you left it. For those with the Euler1735, you are strongly encouraged to change your password after logging in. (I also suggest adding your email address to your account. You can set it up to email you when there's a new assignment, etc.) Click "LOG IN". **Do NOT click on the class key.** If you do not already have access, on the next screen you'll be prompted to enter an access code. A code should be included on a card bundled with your textbook if you bought it at the campus bookstore. If you don't have an access code, you'll need to purchase access on the web site after you log in. This requires a credit card. (Debit cards are not accepted.) It costs \$38 for life of the edition access.

If you have an existing WebAssign account with a username different from that described above, inform me so I can attempt to merge the accounts.

Let me know if you have any questions!

2 Using WebAssign

I strongly recommend that each student keep a separate notebook or binder to record all work on WebAssign problems. This will be useful both in helping me understand any questions that you have about the

problems and in helping you organize your thoughts, learn the material, and prepare for exams.

Click in the blue box next to the problem number to see details about the problem. This will tell you how many points each blank in the problem is worth, as well as how many attempts you are allowed to submit. If you leave a blank empty when you submit new answers for the problem, no submission will be counted against that blank. In other words, you can submit one entry at a time.

Some problems have additional helpful features such as video examples, tutorials, and links to the online textbook. In a video example, someone actually talks through a similar problem while the screen shows computations and/or pictures. An online textbook link takes you directly to the relevant pages in the book.

A tutorial problem appears in a separate box and allows you to work through a problem step by step (tutor steps), giving hints along the way. When you complete the problem, you must push not only the “Submit for credit” button within the box, but also the “Submit new answers” button underneath the box in order for your answer to be recorded.

After an assignment is due, **full solutions to the problems appear on WebAssign**. Click on “Past” under Assignments to see previous assignments. “Click to View Solution” will be listed underneath each problem. This will help you understand any mistakes you might have made in working the problems and will provide examples of how to communicate your work appropriately.

For any problem that requires entering a mathematical expression (not just a number), a *math palette* or similarly named menu will be present. Working with the palette takes a little practice. In order to get out of an exponent or denominator, you need to hit the right arrow key. To enter a Greek letter like θ , just type the word “theta”, and it will turn into the correct symbol. As with most computer programs, WebAssign insists on expressions being entered correctly. So you must *use the variable symbol(s) specified in the problem statement* and put all parenthesis in the correct locations. However, if you enter any answer algebraically equivalent to the one WebAssign is expecting, it should be accepted as correct.

Students occasionally have problems getting math palettes to open or accept entries. In this case, try using a different browser or a different computer. If the problem persists, let me know as soon as possible.