

Greetings!

Please read this entire email message carefully.

The following is some important information about your Math 140 class this semester.

There are two kinds of homework: textbook Practice and WebAssign.

Practice Homework is listed on the course schedule and is from the textbook. It is not going to be computed in your grade. **However, this does not mean it is not important!** These exercises are the practice that will help you to learn the material. Do the practice homework *after* the Lecture on that section and *before* tackling WebAssign. You need to be able to correctly answer all of the assigned problems. Ask questions about these in your discussion section, or in my office hours, or in a tutoring session. The Math Dept. tutoring room should start its full schedule by the second week of classes. Math Success should be starting up about the same time. Schedules for both can be found by following the Math 140 link from www2.math.umd.edu/~tjp.

WebAssign will be activated sometime the day before classes start. By the end of the second week of classes you will need to purchase an access code. The cheapest and easiest way is to purchase the access code online—follow the prompts. *Here at U of M, you did not purchase an access code with your textbook.* **Please wait to enter your access code until you are sure that you are going to stay in the section where you are enrolled.** You do NOT need an “enhanced version” of WebAssign.

Due dates given within WebAssign are definitive. The ELMS/Canvas calendar may not match, especially when adjustments to due dates are made.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You cannot access WebAssign from within ELMS/Canvas. You ***must*** use the process below to log in to WebAssign and get access to your Math 140 assignments.

Go to <http://www.webassign.net/umd/login.html>.

YOU SHOULD BOOKMARK THIS LINK SO YOU ALWAYS HAVE IT HANDY!

You should see “**Welcome to WebAssign @ UMD!**”. Click on “Log In”.

You should now see the U of M logo in the upper left corner and “**Central Authentication Service**” at the top of the dialog box.

Enter your UM Directory ID—the one you use to sign into testudo.

For your **password** use the same password you use to sign into testudo.

IF YOU SEE A SCREEN ASKING YOU TO ENTER AN INSTITUTION CODE, YOU’RE IN THE WRONG PLACE.

IMPORTANT: Do not change the password once you are inside WebAssign. It must remain as it is for the UMD common login process to work.

For the first two weeks of the semester you can click on the “Continue without entering an access code” link toward the bottom. You will need to purchase an access code before the free-use time runs out—either in the bookstore or online by clicking the “Purchase an access code online” link. (Hint: The cost is cheaper purchasing an access code online as opposed to buying it from the campus bookstore.) **Please wait to enter your access code until you are sure you are in the section where you will remain all semester—transferring access codes can get complicated.**

If you took the Math Dept. Placement test online, you may see it still listed on WebAssign. You can ignore it—it will go away shortly.

In general (but not every time), WebAssign will be due on a Tuesday or Thursday morning at 7:30 am. Due dates given within MyMathLab are definitive. The course schedule and the ELMS/Canvas calendar may not match, especially when adjustments to due dates are made.

The first assignment, “**Getting Started**”, is listed. It is meant to help you become acquainted with how WebAssign will work and to catch any log-in problems now, before we get into full swing. This first assignment will not be counted in your grade, but the rest of WebAssign will be computed into your grade.

The first graded assignment, “**140 - HW01 - Algebra Review**”, is listed. It is meant to help you review important Algebra and Precalculus concepts now, before we get into full swing. It is due about a week after classes start.

If you have any problem logging in or have any other questions, email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Tim P. TJP@math.umd.edu
(Don't forget to put “Math 140” in the Subject line.)