

On-Line Homework Instructions for Physics 111-112-113

Homework will be submitted and graded via the online software package WebAssign. The course website has a direct link to the WebAssign login page at <https://www.webassign.net/osu/student.html>

ACCESSING WEBASSIGN:

To log into WebAssign, open Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator or Mozilla Firefox (Some other browsers may have difficulty), and go to the WebAssign login page (<https://www.webassign.net/osu/student.html>).

At login: Enter your Ohio State name.# and password.

Username.# (for example, *einstein.19*). Enter your name exactly as you enter it when you log into webmail at osu.edu.

Password: Your OSU password, the same password you use for REGISTERING FOR COURSES at OSU.

If you have previously used WebAssign at OSU, note that we have changed to using OSU passwords.

If you have used WebAssign at Ohio State before, then use the password you had. If you have not used WebAssign before, then enter your initial WebAssign password. Your **initial password** is the first two letters of your last name followed by the last four digits of your social security number. Change this password as soon as possible for security reasons. If you **forget your password**, click on “forgot password?” and it will be emailed to your osu.edu address. If all else fails, email the WebAssign administrator from your osu.edu account (include in your message your course, call number, university name.# and the last four digits of your social security number).

Click “Log In”.

You may use WebAssign without a registration code for a short grace period, but you will need to get a registration code, found on a WebAssign **access card**. WebAssign will prompt you for a registration code each time you log in until either you enter it correctly or the grace period expires (WebAssign will list the number of days left before the grace period expires). If you do not successfully enter the registration code before the grace period expires, you will be unable to submit homework. Access cards are available as part of the valuepak with the Knight textbook when purchased as a new book from the local bookstores (access card is ~\$5.00 when purchased this way). Access cards are also sold separately by the local bookstores (about \$7) and available from WebAssign directly (~\$6.00) via <http://www.webassign.com/info/purchase.html>. Each access card is good for only one quarter.

If you have trouble entering your access code, keep in mind that access codes do NOT begin with the letters ISBN. Also, access codes may contain the number zero or the letter "O". These are not easily distinguishable so be careful and try both if necessary. If you have difficulty and have made a reasonable effort, please contact the WebAssign administrator.

Once you have correctly entered the registration code, WebAssign will inform you that you are registered for the course. This means that you are registered to use WebAssign for your course and is separate from registration at OSU. If you switch recitation sections after the quarter begins, notify the WebAssign administrator and the instructors of both sections.

Once logged in, you will see your personalized WebAssign page showing the Physics class to which you are registered. From this page you can access your assignments and see your grades on assignments.

SUBMITTING ANSWERS TO WEBASSIGN:

WebAssign provides a STUDENT GUIDE online. Read this to familiarize yourself with the package. WebAssign also provides a tutorial so you can learn how the system works (the tutorial may be assigned

for credit in your course). Consult both the tutorial and the STUDENT GUIDE for definitive information on how to use the program.

Press the SUBMIT button to check your answers. WebAssign will grade your responses to part or all of your assignment once you "SUBMIT WORK FOR GRADING". WebAssign will indicate whether your answers were correct or incorrect. You may submit answers to part or all of the assignment at any time before its due date. Due dates are specified on the course assignment sheet and on WebAssign.

You get **more than one try at each problem**, and the goal is to eventually get it right. The number of tries you have used and may use are shown at the left of each problem. If you find yourself getting close to the limit, you should get help from your lecturer, your recitation instructor, the tutor room, or any friendly physics-speaking person you can find.

Responses should be either in decimal numbers or the **"E" format for scientific notation**.

For example: Enter "0.5" NOT "1/2".

For example: Enter "1E-3" NOT "10^-3".

WebAssign checks your answer to see if it is within 1% of the correct answer. You should **keep 4 significant figures** in intermediate steps and enter your answer to at least 3 significant figures, even if there are fewer significant figures in the problem.

Failure to submit an answer for a problem or part of a problem results in a ZERO for that part / problem. Also, WebAssign records the grade for the LAST answer submitted, even if that answer is incorrect and a previous answer is correct.

POLICIES REGARDING ONLINE HOMEWORK

In order to administer the WebAssign homework fairly and consistently to thousands of students, the Ohio State University Physics Department follows the following policies:

Due dates are specified on the course assignment sheet. You may work on any assignment up to its due date/time. **NO EXTENSIONS** will be granted for online homework assignments. Assignments may be viewed but are no longer available to be worked on after the due date.

You may be **excused** from an online homework assignment ONLY in the following special cases:

- hospitalization
- extended illness of the student
(requires a physician's note stating that the student should be excused from school for that week)
- death of a parent or sibling
- military duty for the entire week.

Should one of the above special cases arise, contact the course manager with appropriate documentation in order to obtain an excuse.

ONLINE HOMEWORK GRADES

The points on WebAssign are not the same as points in the class. Your homework score for the class is calculated by multiplying the possible homework points by the percent of the WebAssign points that you earned. If you are excused from an assignment (see POLICIES above), this information will not appear on WebAssign but will be included in calculating your homework score.

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