Math 171 Online Homework

50 points of your course grade will be assigned to online homework. In general, there will be one homework assignments per section covered. Homework sets will open on Sunday of the week they are covered in class. They are due at 11:59pm either on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. See schedule under the homework link. Each assignment will consist of 4 to 10 questions. These questions are a very small sample of potential questions. Therefore, you should also be completing the posted suggested homework questions from the book in order to be successful in this class.

The online homework will be set up in WebWork on the first day of class. There will be an email sent to your school email address when it is available. The first regular WebWork assignment will be due on Monday, September 19th. Most questions on the online homework will allow an infinite number of tries. Multiple choice, matching and true/false questions will have a limited number of tries. WebWork will allow for exact number and non-simplified expressions. (ie – e^3 or (1+3/5-2/7)) If you are using decimals, please use at least 5 decimal places unless otherwise noted.

As each assignment becomes available, you have the option of printing the assignments by using the "Download Hardcopy for Selected Sets" feature.

Print out the WebWork problems and do them first carefully with paper and pencil. Remember that, although WebWork only requires an answer, exams will be taken with paper and pencil. On exams and quizzes, it will be important that you show your work and that your work is clear and legible. Your method is as important as your final answer! You will need to practice this on your WebWork assignments and turn in your written work for these questions. All answers must be submitted online. When you enter and submit the answer into WebWork, you will know instantly if your answer is correct. If you would like assistance on any of the problems, there is a link at the bottom of the page to “Email instructor.” This will send a copy of your specific math question to your instructor and allows for you to send a short note.

You should view the WebWork homework as a tool for accessing and evaluating your understanding of the course material. Getting a high homework score is desirable, of course. However, that should not be your only goal. WebWork questions vary in difficulty and relevance, but they will often follow an example in the book quite closely. All you are required to input is the answer, and it may be possible to get that answer by shortcut methods (guessing, finding a pattern in previous answers, etc). It is not in your best interest to take shortcuts; any additional points you get by these methods will be negated by points you miss on an exam or quiz where the problems may be different and you will be expected to show all of your work. There is nobody looking over your shoulder to make sure you are doing the WebWork problems honestly, so you need to police yourself. If you get a correct answer but are not totally confident of the method, go back and work it again.

To access the online homework, go to webwork.math.montana.edu/webwork2/F16m171

Username: a11b222 (This should be your D2L login name)

Password: -012345678 (This should be your CatCard number)