

Welcome!

Welcome to Calculus I at Hampden-Sydney College for the fall semester of 2013! You are receiving this message because you have signed up for my Calculus I class (Math 141, section 04). This message contains important information about our course, including the **ALEKS Assessment** of calculus readiness, and **WebAssign**, a website that you will be using to do homework assignments and other activities daily throughout the semester.

Both ALEKS and WebAssign are required for the course, so please read this message carefully!

ALEKS Assessment of Calculus Readiness

You have received an email describing the ALEKS assessment for calculus readiness. Your work on this assessment will give me valuable information as we work together to succeed in calculus. Completing this assessment is a **requirement** for the course: it is mandatory. Taking the ALEKS assessment is free of charge. In addition to the assessment, ALEKS provides review and practice materials, so you can brush up on concepts that you're having trouble with. I urge you to take full advantage of this. See me if you have questions.

WebAssign Online Homework System and eBook

Our WebAssign course features an **online homework system** and an **eBook**. Almost all the homework for the course will be done using the online homework system. The eBook is "Calculus", tenth edition, by Larson and Edwards. It is identical to the hardcopy version of the book, and in addition contains video tutorials and other features.

Signing Up For WebAssign

You need to sign-up for WebAssign by the beginning of class. Here's how to do that:

1. Point your browser to <https://www.webassign.net/login.html>
2. Click on the button that says "I have a Class Key" (towards the bottom of the webpage).
3. You will be prompted to enter a Class Key. The class key for this course is **hsc 3329 3675**. Be sure to enter each part into a separate textbox.
4. Next you should be sent to a page that says your Class Key has been recognized. If you do not already have a WebAssign account, click "I need to create a WebAssign account", and follow the instructions there. If you already have a WebAssign account, log into that.
5. You will be taken to the homepage for this class. **Note that you have a grace period for free access to WebAssign. The grace period ends on Monday,**

September 9, at 12:00 AM. After that date you will no longer be able to see your WebAssign assignments or grades, until you purchase access.

Purchasing the Online Homework System and eBook

Once you've signed up for WebAssign, you should purchase the Online Homework System and eBook.

1. If you're not already logged in, log into your WebAssign account.
2. Select the option "purchase access online"
3. You will be presented with two options for purchase. Which option should you select? That depends on your academic plans. If you do not intend to take Calculus II, you might only need "Single-term access to homework and eBook" (\$75.00). If you do intend to take more Calculus courses, you might consider "Lifetime of Edition access to homework and eBook" (\$110.00) With this option, you can continue to use the eBook for subsequent Calculus classes - even if your instructor doesn't use WebAssign. Select the option you prefer, and complete the purchase. You will need a credit card in order to complete the purchase.

Let me know if you have questions. Calculus is an exciting, beautiful, and useful subject, and I think you're going to like it. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Regards,

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