

**Physics 211, Gladden**  
**Fall 2010**  
**WebAssign Homework System Instructions**

The Physics 211 faculty have chosen a textbook which is integrated with the WebAssign on-line homework system. You are probably already familiar with the system as it is very popular. The system is fully integrated with our book in the sense that most of the end of chapter problems are on-line as well as supporting materials (videos, example problems,...).

The UofM bookstore has custom designed spiral bound copies of the text book bundled with the WebAssign access codes. The book (volume 1) and access codes are for one semester. We took care in trying to offer the most reasonably priced option we could for the course materials, however it is still expensive. You do have the option of not purchasing a paper copy of the book and opting for an electronic version of the book which is much less expensive. For 1 semester the cost for access to the homework system and an ebook is \$62 and \$89 for both semesters (Phys 211 & 212) together. The ebook reader requires internet access, but is fairly full featured (allows highlighting, bookmarks, printing pages, ...). Note the system will NOT work over an iPhone as it is based on Adobe Flash.

**Instructions for Getting Started**

1. Go to [www.webassign.com](http://www.webassign.com)
2. On the right of the screen click "I have a class key"
3. Enter the class key for this section:  
**olemiss 9799 6531**
4. Click "Yes, that's my course" if it's correct.
5. If you have a WebAssign account from a previous class, you can log in using your username and password. If not, you must create a new account. Follow the on-screen instructions to do so.
6. Next you will be asked if you want to purchase on-line, enter an access code, or continue with a trial. The trial gives you some time (~ 20 days) in case you end up dropping the course.
  - a. If you bought the bundle from the bookstore, enter the access code you got.
  - b. If you plan on buying HW access and ebook, the select "Purchase on-line", select the option you want and pay for it.
7. At this point you should be ready to go and the first assignment (HW01:CHAP01) should be visible to you.

Actually entering in information is pretty easy, but may take a little practice. There is a tutorial assignment available which may be worth your time. Here is a list of policies:

- I have set the system to not be too picky about significant figures, but make reasonable entries (don't type in the 10 digits on your calculator when on 3 are justified).
- You have 5 tries to complete the assignment. You must submit ALL the answers at once (not question by question). Complete the assignment and submit it. You can go back and rework the ones you got wrong up to the full 5 tries.
- There is a 5% bonus for completing your assignment 24 hours early.
- You can get up to 20% credit just for getting the units correct.
- The actual numbers in the problems are randomized for each student to prevent students from simply copying solutions (where is the fun in that??), but should remain the same for YOU through out each assignment.

If you run into problems, try to help yourself first using the available help options. If you are still having trouble, see me. The first assignment is due Aug. 31, so DO NOT delay in getting WebAssign up and running!