

The first couple weeks of a new semester can be confusing, as you try to adjust to each course's schedule of assignments, and the additional tasks that are asked of you only once or twice to get the semester started. While the repetitive events will quickly become second nature to you, in the beginning it can all feel overwhelming. Hopefully this guide will help you get through the first week.

BEFORE FRIDAY 1/29

1. If you're not registered,
 - as soon as possible, get me to sign your grey card and turn it in to the registrar
 - make sure I have have your name correctly spelled and your Wheaton ID number (that is, your "w" number). That will allow me to give you access to the OnCourse webpages for this course and to WeBWorK. (Please note that while I will set up those accounts for you, you still must turn the grey card in to the registrar to register for the course itself.)
2. Go to the main (public) web page for the course at

http://jsklensky.webspace.wheatoncollege.edu/Multi_Spring16/multi.html

(If registered, the easiest way to get to this webpage is to first go to the OnCourse page for this class and then choose the top link.)

While at this site,

- Bookmark it
 - Read through the Course Policies
 - Look through the syllabus and enter all important dates in your calendar. Also make a note of what section(s) you're responsible for reading, for both Wednesday and Friday. (Usually, you will only look at the next class day and read that material; the first week is unusual.)
 - Scroll down to to the section on Problem Sets.
 - Read *A Description of Multi Problem Sets*.
 - Click the link *Due in January and February*. Make a note of Problem Set 1.
 - Read *suggestions for reading a math book*.
3. Read the sections covered Wednesday and Friday that you made a note of earlier.
 4. If you are registered for the course, go to the OnCourse page for the course and fill out the background questionnaire that's listed under *Course Basics*. (If you are not registered for the course yet, remember to fill out this questionnaire once you have access to OnCourse.)

5. If you are registered for the course, click on the WeBWorK link (either through OnCourse or the public web page for the course), log in using your Wheaton ID (the wXXXXXXXX number) as your username, and your Wheaton password as the password. If you haven't used WeBWorK before, first work through the WeBWorK orientation. Then work through the daily assignment due 1/29. (If you are not registered for the course, remember to do this once I have it set up for you.)
6. If you have time, get a start on the exercises from PS 1 that are related to material we covered Wednesday. (In the WeBWorK portion of PS 1, these problems will be at the beginning of the assignment.)

Note: Usually, you should definitely do this last step, but you have a lot of one-time-only work to do before you get to the homework. Most of it should be done once you finish this list!

Before Monday 2/1

1. If you weren't registered before, go back and do everything for Friday that you weren't able to do earlier.
2. Read the section(s) to be covered in class Monday.
3. Do the daily WeBWorK assignment due Monday at 8:30am, as described above. Establish a schedule you think will work for you to get these done before every class. (Remember, the purpose of these is for you to think about and practice a few of the most recent ideas and techniques, so that the next class isn't building on completely forgotten information, and to also have you start trying to apply your reading for the upcoming class.)
4. Continue working on PS 1. Work on the exercises related to what we covered Friday.
5. If you are having trouble with WeBWorK, or getting stuck on any assigned problems, plan on coming to my office hours. You can find a schedule of my office hours on **OnCourse - Course Basics - My Daily Schedule**.

Before Wednesday 2/3

1. If you weren't registered before, go back and do everything for Friday and Monday that you weren't able to do earlier.
2. Read the section(s) to be covered in class Wednesday.
3. Do the daily WeBWorK assignment due Wednesday at 8:30am. Hopefully by now you're starting to build the habit of doing them before every class.
4. Continue getting your questions on PS 1 answered - re-read the section, come to office hours, work with fellow students. (Make a note of any insights you get from others, to cite on the finished homework.)

5. Go to my (main) public webpage. Scroll down to Problem Sets, and read the link on HW guidelines.

Before Thursday 2/4

1. If you weren't registered before, go back and do everything for Friday, Monday, and Wednesday that you weren't able to do earlier.
2. Get your last questions on PS 1 answered (see above).
3. Recopy PS 1 into a final draft that follows the HW guidelines.
4. Bring PS 1 to my office (SC 1306). Homework is due by 4pm every Thursday.

Before Friday 2/5

1. Read the section(s) to be covered in class Friday.
2. Do the daily WeBWorK assignment due Friday at 8:30am.
3. Get started on PS 2, doing those problems which cover the material from Wednesday.
4. Come to office hours if you have questions.