

Homework in MathXL

Math is not a spectator sport. To learn to do it, you must practice doing it, not just watch, dream, hope, or pray. Students who do not do homework do not pass.

Online homework does NOT mean “not written on paper!” Though you will type only the answers MXL/MML requests into the website, you SHOULD WRITE YOUR WORK ON PAPER.

Keep a homework notebook or homework section in your math notebook.

In that notebook: copy the problems, show your work, and make notes of your questions, process, errors, and key points to study.

Access to MathXL

- MathXL is a homework website created by the textbook publisher. You must buy an access code.
- You may not share access or take over another student’s code.
- You can purchase a MathXL access code at the SWC Bookstore or online at www.MathXL.com
- If you previously used MathXL, you can use any unexpired time. If your account has expired, you will need to buy a new access code, but use the same login and password (or use “forgot password” link).
- You can use MathXL from any computer with internet access, including some phones and devices.
- MathXL is not the same as MyMathLab and cannot be interchanged.

Finding the Homework in MathXL

- Use the Course ID below which corresponds to your class.
- Read carefully – there are different Course IDs! Be sure to select the section, days, and time for which you are registered.
- Homework will be due nearly every class day at the start of class.
- All homework assignments are available in advance. Work ahead if you have busy days or to prepare for class.
- You can see all the assignments and their due dates by clicking “Homework and Tests” and “Show all assignments on one page”.



How to Register and Enroll in Your Course

Welcome to MathXL! Your instructor has set up a MathXL course for you.

It is based on this textbook: *Rockswold: Intermediate Algebra with Applications & Visualization, 5e*

To join this course, you need to register for MathXL and then enroll in the course.

1. Registering for MathXL

Before you begin, make sure you have the access code that comes with your MathXL Access Kit.

To register or buy access, go to www.mathxl.com, click the **Student** button in the Register section, and then follow the instructions on the screen.

2. Enrolling in your instructor's course

After registering, log in to MathXL with your username and password. To enroll in this course, enter the following Course ID:

Be sure to pick YOUR class!

Course name M72-16 Sp19 (MWF 9:35 AM)	Course name M72-10 Sp19 (MTWTh 1:20 PM)
Course ID XL38-01CG-0022-1JJ2	Course ID XL38-01AG-2022-9JJ2

Need more help? To view a complete set of instructions on registering and enrolling, go to www.mathxl.com and visit the Tours page.

Using MathXL

- After entering your answer, you must click ‘check answer’ to proceed to the next question. You will not earn credit for wrong answers.
- If you are having trouble, there are help buttons: step-by-step, example, read textbook, email instructor.
- If you missed class, the Study Plan sometimes has a “see section video” link.
- If you don’t get the problem right in three tries, you can click ‘similar problem’, to start again on the same question (with different numbers). You can always get 100% if you keep trying.

HW Grades for the Class

- Under Results, MathXL reports your grade as a percent. When you complete the assignment, round your percentage to the nearest 10%, convert to a 10-point grade, and record your results on your GRS. (See “Grade Record Sheet” for more detailed instructions, if needed.)
- Do not use the “points”, related to the number of questions on the assignment. Every homework is 10 pts for the class grade.
- ‘Past due’ assignments earn 0%.
- After the due date, I will download the grades from MathXL to my computer. Your score updates every time you click “check answer”, so there’s no need to submit your scores.
- Use your GRS to calculate your grade for the class. Do not use the MathXL “average”, which is a distorted calculation.

Computers at Home and on Campus

- The first time you use your computer for MathXL, click Browser Check to see that your computer has the necessary plug-ins. You will also need to disable pop-up blockers.
- Computers on campus have all the necessary plug-ins. There are computers in the Math Center, ASC, and Library.
- If you do not have a computer at home (or your computer or internet access is problematic), plan time on campus each day for doing homework.

What if MathXL seems to be down or malfunctioning?

- If you believe your correct answer was marked wrong, click “Ask My Instructor” which will send me a link to the MathXL page you are seeing, including your numbers and how they were scored.
- Call the support number or use the 24/7 help by online chat.

Student Technical Support for MathXL/MyMathLab 1-800-677-6337 M-F 9AM-5PM (Pacific)

- Most of the time, the problem is with the browser or internet connection, not with the MathXL website.
 - If pages don't load correctly, it's probably a browser issue. Switch browsers and try again.
 - Chrome is the most supported browser. If you're using Explorer, Safari, or Firefox, try Chrome.
 - If your internet connection is slow or noisy, you may experience irregularities with the MathXL website. Check with your ISP to ensure your service is functioning correctly, or plan your time so you can use computers on campus.
 - Run the browser check from within MathXL and update software it requires.
 - If you have not updated your computer recently, update your browser, Flash, and your operating system. You may need to restart after installing updates.
- Each time you click 'Check Answer', your computer transmits to the MathXL servers in Cambridge, MA and your score for the assignment is automatically updated. If your computer or browser crashes, it is impossible to lose more than one problem of your work.
- Due dates for MathXL assignments will not be extended unless MathXL is down for more than one hour.
- You can check the system status at https://status.pearson.com/#/MathXL/Last_24_hrs
- If you suspect MathXL has an issue, email me *when it is happening* (even if it is the middle of the night) so your email has the date and time of the problem. [You won't disturb me.]
- You can also e-mail me a "screen shot".