Greetings!

Please read this entire email message carefully.

The following is some important information about your Math class this semester.

There are two kinds of homework: textbook Practice and WebAssign.

Practice Homework is listed on the course schedule and is from the textbook. Some of these exercises are included in WebAssign, and will be counted as part of your grade. **However, this does not mean they are not important!** These exercises are the practice that will help you to learn the material. Do the practice homework after the Lecture on that section and before tackling WebAssign. You need to be able to correctly answer all of the assigned problems. You’ll also have the opportunity to focus on these textbook practice questions in your discussion section. [During Stat 400 discussions, TAs will not cover questions included in WebAssign. During Math 140 and math 141 discussions, TAs will be able to answer questions about WebAssign that are past the due date and time.] Also, you should feel free to use office hours, or tutoring. The Math Dept. tutoring room should start its complete schedule by the second week of classes. Math Success should be starting up about the same time. Schedules for both can be found by following the link for your course from www2.math.umd.edu/~tjp.

WebAssign will be activated by the day before classes start.

If you are in Math 140 or Math 141, or this is your first time using WebAssign, by the end of the second week of classes you will need to purchase an access code. (See IMPORTANT NOTES below!) The cheapest and easiest way is to purchase the access code online—follow the prompts. For the first two weeks of the semester you can click on the “Continue without entering an access code” link toward the bottom. You will need to purchase an access code before the free-use time runs out—either in the bookstore or online by clicking the “Purchase an access code online” link. (Hint: The cost is cheaper purchasing an access code online as opposed to buying it from the campus bookstore.) **Please wait to enter your access code until you are sure you are in the section where you will remain all semester—transferring access codes can get complicated.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:
For Math 140 and Math 141, you will not need an “enhanced version” access code for WebAssign. Your WebAssign code only gives you access to the Homework Assignments. An e-book is not included. You will need to purchase a new access code for each semester, whether your re-take Math 140 or move on to Math 141.

For Stat 400 and Stat 401, you’ll need the “enhanced version” access code for WebAssign. For these classes, online homework also includes access to the text in e-book format, as well as other resources, from within WebAssign. If you are content with using the e-book, you will not need to have a paper copy of the text. You will only need to purchase the enhanced version WebAssign access code once – as long as you are using the same text, your access code will be recognized, whether your re-take Stat 400 or
move on to Stat 401. Cengage (the textbook publisher) has set up a microsite to assist you in getting course materials more easily – for the current semester, go to www2.math.umd.edu/~tjp, then click on the Stat 400 link.

For all classes using WebAssign, You will access WebAssign from within ELMS/Canvas.

1) Go to the ELMS/Canvas page for your class, then click on the “Modules” link in the navigation menu on the left-hand side.
2) On the page that opens up, click on “WebAssign – your course number”.
3) You should see “This tool needs to be loaded in a new browser window”; click on the “Load WebAssign – your course number in a new window” link.
4a) If you already have a WebAssign account, enter your Username and Password in the appropriate dialog boxes. (Institution should already have “umd” in place.) Then click on the “Link Account” button.
4b) If you don’t already have a WebAssign account, click on the “I don’t have a WebAssign account” link.

You’ll be given three choices: “purchase access online”, “enter an access code” and “continue my trial period”.
After this process has been done the first time, steps 1) through 3) will take you to your WebAssign course page.

For the first two weeks of the semester you can click on the “continue my trial period” link toward the bottom. You will need to have an access code before the free-use time runs out—either in the bookstore or online by clicking the “purchase access online” link. (Hint: The cost may be cheaper purchasing an access code online as opposed to buying it from the campus bookstore.) Please wait to enter your access code until you are sure you are in the section where you will remain all semester—transferring access codes can get complicated.

If you recently took the Math Dept. Placement test online, you may see it still listed on WebAssign. You can ignore it—it will go away shortly.

In general (but not every time), WebAssign will be due on a discussion day at 7:30 am. Due dates given within WebAssign are definitive – it is your responsibility to keep track of due dates and times. The ELMS/Canvas calendar and course schedule may not match, especially when adjustments to due dates are made.

The first graded assignments are listed. They are due shortly after classes start. Future assignments will show up about a week before they are due.

If you have any problem logging in or have any other questions, email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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(Don’t forget to put your course number [Math 140, Math 141, Stat 400, Stat 401] in the Subject line.)