

WHS: The University of Kentucky Web Homework System

WHS is a web-based instructional support system operated in the public interest by the University of Kentucky Department of Mathematics and The University of Kentucky Information Systems. Its primary functions are the distribution of supplemental instructional materials such as web pages and streaming video, and the hosting of sets of homework assignments. It was developed and is employed solely to assist traditional classroom instruction by conserving teacher time through automation of routine tasks, and the facilitation of communication and collaboration.

Note on Browsers: Some features of mathclass.com depend on modern browsers such as Netscape 6.0 or higher and Internet Explorer 5.1 or higher. Users of older browsers may find that some buttons do not work. For the most part these are shortcuts and the basic functionality will be available.

WHS Student Usage

Acquiring and Getting Started With Your WHS Student Account

Use of WHS requires an account. You may already have an account by virtue of your registration for certain classes or you may need to create your own account. In either case the first step is to select the “Web Homework” link on the mathclass.com main page. You will be presented with a login screen

Case 1. You don’t have an account or are not sure whether you have an account.

In this case select “Register as a New User” and complete the form. If an account already exists which is identified either by your student number (social security number in most cases) or email address then the system will return a message to that effect. If you receive such a message go to Case 2, below.

There are a number of items which may need clarification.

You can actually use any school in the “Select Your School Menu”. Thus if your school isn’t there or the name used isn’t familiar simply select any school (e.g. University of Kentucky) to get started. This is something you can always change at any time.

The student number (social security number) must be 9-digit number which is not already in use

as an identifier. Its sole use is as a unique account identifier within the system. It actually need not be the social security number and you can provide a random number which will work provided no other account is already identified with it.

The email address is very important. If you do not have one then you should get one (e.g. from hotmail.com) and use it. For immediate purpose of registration you can use a fake email address. For instance if Mary M. Mullins is a student at Ludwig Beethoven High School she might use Mary_M_Mullins@ludwig_beethoven.k12.ky.us which is highly unlikely to be in use by any other student with a WHS account. **DO NOT USE SOMEONE ELSE'S EMAIL ADDRESS** since (1) email sent to you by the system will be directed to that address and (2) your email address becomes your login.

If there are no problems with your student number or email your account will be created immediately with your email address as login and your social security (or student) number as password.

If the system tells you that someone else already has an account with that email or student number then that person is almost certainly you. Most likely an account was created for you by virtue of your pre-registration in a class. Such accounts will have your student number as both the login and password. Go to case 2, below, and attempt to log in with your student number as both login id and password. If you are not able to log in this way then send a help message by pressing the "Help" button on the bar below the picture on the login screen. It may have happened that someone accidentally entered your social security number or email.

Assuming you have no problems you will receive the following screen which will, among other things, remind you that you will need to add at least one class in order to use your account and that you should change your password.

The "start" button at the bottom will take you to the main WHS screen..

Case 2. You already have an account (including when you have just been through case 1).

If your account already exists but you don't know the login or password (e.g. if it was created because of your registration in a class) then your login and password will both be your student or social security number. In all other cases your initial login will be your email address and your password your student or social security number.

Select the "Web Homework" link on the mathclass.com main page and log in. This will take you to the WHS Main Page. There is a vertical row of eight links on the left of the page. Your student account will give you access to the resources addressed by the top six.