THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

COURSE BASICS

Course Number:	MATH 1320: CRN 25437
Course Title:	Mathematics for Social Sciences I
Credit Hours:	3
Term:	Spring 2026
Meeting and Location:	Quinn Hall 206 MWF 10:30am – 11:20am
Prerequisite Courses:	Math 0311 or placement by testing services

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Please allow at least one business day for the return of e-mails. Weekend e-mails will be attended to during regular business hours and other times at the instructor's discretion. If your email does not get a reply for more than 5 days, that is because your answer can be found on Blackboard and/or this syllabus.

Student Office Hours:

- **Via Zoom:** By appointment

Student office hours are a time where you can get individualized help from me. I am available to answer questions about course content and address any concerns you have about the class. You are not required to attend office hours if you do not have questions.

Office hours are only held during normal university scheduling (not during finals week or when the university is closed).

REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS

Textbook

Finite Mathematics & Applied Calculus by Waner and Costenoble 8th Edition with a WebAssign access code.

Required

You must have the WebAssign access code. This gives you full access to both the assignments and the e-book.

Optional

A hard copy of the textbook is available but not required for the class. The e-book is adequate and comes with the required access code.

Calculator

A Scientific Calculator with the permutation/combination key is required (example: TI-30XIIS). An online scientific calculator such as the Desmos Scientific Calculator is sufficient. A graphing calculator similar to a TI-83 or TI-84 is recommended. Tech Guides are available throughout the course which give instructions on how to use the graphing calculator and free online utilities such as the Desmos Graphing Calculator.

Online Components

You are required to have a WebAssign homework account.

You will also have access to other resources in Blackboard, see the Activities and Assignment subsection below.

Ensure your UTEP e-mail account is working and that you have consistent access to the internet and a stable web browser. Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, and Safari are the most supported browsers for both Blackboard and WebAssign. UTEP HelpDesk continues to offer you technical support at you can test your Internet connection from your location and make sure your upload and download speeds are at least 1-2 Mbps. www.fast.com

You will need to have regular access to a computer or laptop. Your cell phone is not sufficient for doing coursework, since the homework program is not optimized for mobile viewing. The following are a list of applications you'll need for the class.

- Microsoft Office (available for free through UTEP UTEP Microsoft Office 365),
- Adobe,
- Windows Media Player or QuickTime Player,

Blackboard

Inside the Blackboard course you will be able to see announcements and course materials. Each chapter will have a folder where you can find a list of the assignments, lecture notes, videos, and other resources.

Check out the resources reference page at the end of the syllabus for a list of currently available items. Please check the FAQ folder within Blackboard (as well as reading the syllabus completely and thoroughly) before emailing me about class procedures/policies.

WebAssign

WebAssign is an online Course Management System of Cengage, the publisher of our text. You must have reliable internet to take this course. Use the instructions below to access and register for WebAssign using your official *UTEP email account*. **You will have a free trial of 21 calendar days from the start of the semester so that you may access your coursework immediately**.

Instructions to access and register for WebAssign:

To enter your course on WebAssign go to www.webassign.net and follow these steps:

1) Click on "Enter Class Key"
2) Enter the class key given by your instructor, be sure to include all three, four-character sections given including the "utep":

   utep 1005 7789

3) Verify the section number and instructor name, then enter your information. Please make sure that you use your UTEP miners e-mail and remember the password you create.
4) The next time you log in, click on "Log In" and enter your *UTEP miners e-mail* and the password you created.

You are required to purchase an access code to log in as soon as possible and before the grace period ends. Please note that your class key is different from your access code. When entering the code, enter all the words and characters in the boxes appropriately.

Student Zoom Office Hours Cengage

- Jan 12 – Jan 23: 8 – 11 am and Noon – 3 pm MST
- Jan 26 – Jan 30: 9 – 11 am and Noon – 2 pm MST
- Feb 2 – Feb 4: 10 – 1 pm MST

Invite link: Invite Link Spring 2026

Cengage Technical Support

Cengage offers several support options depending on your needs:

Phone Support: You can reach them at **1-800-354-9706**. However, the exact hours of operation may vary depending on the type of support you need. They recommend visiting their Support Page for the most accurate and up-to-date hours.

Chat Support: Available **24/7** for student registration support.

Online Support: You can open a new support ticket or check the status of an existing one via their Support Portal

COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Math for Social Sciences I is a pre-calculus course designed for liberal arts, business, and non-science majors.

At the successful completion of this course:

I. A student will be able to make meaningfully reflective connections between the mathematics of finance and the student's own situation and/or community engagement
II. A student will be able to apply fundamental set and probability properties to calculate the probability for a given situation and utilize this to make decisions on the likelihood of outcomes including the expected value of a random variable. (Chapters 7, 8, & 9.1/9.3)
III. A student will be able to model a situation utilizing an appropriate fundamental function (linear, quadratic, exponential, logarithmic) and solve for an unknown variable. (Chapters 1 & 2)
IV. A student will be able to validate a mathematical model algebraically and graphically, (Chapters 1 & 2)
V. A student will be able to model basic financial functions associated with interest, annuities, and loans and solve for an unknown variable. (Chapter 3)
VI. Students will be able to construct and solve systems of linear equations utilizing multiple techniques. (Chapter 4)
VII. Students will be able to construct and graphically solve systems of linear inequalities and linear programming problems (Chapter 6.1 & 6.2)

Activities and Assignments:

You will find all graded assignments on www.webassign.net. Please use Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari since WebAssign works best with these browsers. All graded work, including homework, quizzes, and exams, will take place through WebAssign. There are resources to help with your coursework in both WebAssign and Blackboard (see resource guide at the end of this document).

Three unit exams and a comprehensive final exam will be given. You will have an optional retake opportunity for each of the unit exams. The higher of the two scores will be used.

Maymester:

If a student receives a grade of "D" or "F," they may register for the Maymester workshop. A grade of 70% or better in the Maymester course will replace a failing course grade with a grade of "C." A grade change form will be submitted upon successful completion of the Maymester.

Resources:

You will have course PowerPoint and video access through the Resources section of WebAssign and Blackboard. You can click on resources at the bottom of your WebAssign homepage. You will be able to access PowerPoint lectures from the publisher and the Cengage lecture videos for each section that we cover.

In Blackboard you will have access to additional resources including: short and engaging lecture videos (made by UTEP faculty), tech guides, worksheets, multi-modal learning experiences, and an FAQ page for common questions. Check out the resource reference page at the end of the syllabus.

Tutoring

The MaRCS tutoring center offers free tutoring for math classes; their website has more information: https://www.utep.edu/science/math/marcs/

There are several useful features in WebAssign designed to give extra help. These include "Watch It" and "Master It" links. These are publisher created and are enabled for any homework question in which they are available. The My Class Insights feature gives you a guide to how you are doing on the topics covered in class.

I am also available during office hours to help with questions.

Class Activity Settings

Homework Assignments

All homework will be completed on WebAssign. Each question has 5 attempts. I recommend you get help after the 3rd incorrect submission rather than waiting until you are out of attempts to get help.

The Ask Your Teacher Feature of WebAssign is the best way to ask questions about your homework as it shows me and the TA the entire problem. You are encouraged to use this as the first method of contact whenever you have homework questions. I ask that you attempt the problems on your own before asking for help and that you be clear on what you are struggling to understand. The Ask Your Teacher Feature has a chat box that will allow us to communicate back and forth about the problem. A message icon next to the homework assignment that you required assistance on will pop up once we have replied.

PTL (Preparing to Learn)

In addition to regular homework assignments, you will have some pre-work to complete. These assignments cover review topics (order of operations, exponent rules, etc.) and are intended to help you prepare for the upcoming lesson. PTLs have the same settings as regular homework (5 attempts, no time limit) and will count as homework grades, so be sure you complete them!

Quizzes

After each chapter covered, you will have a 60-minute timed quiz with five (5) questions from that material. The quizzes may contain problems you have not seen previously, but they will be based on the same concepts.

The password for all quizzes is the word **ready**.

Each question has 2 attempts. If you choose to start a quiz less than 60 minutes before the due date, the quiz will conclude at the due date, and your answers will be auto-submitted. Be sure to keep an eye on your time to help prepare for exams (the per question time will be less on an exam).

Reflection Quizzes

There are three (3) brief written reflection assignments throughout the course (1 per unit). These reflections ask you to extend course topics beyond what is covered in the book. The instructions and grading rubric can be found in WebAssign.

Reflections count as a quiz grade, so be sure you complete them! There is no time limit for these quizzes. You may open the assignment and return to it at a later date.

See Statement on ChatGPT and other AI in the Academic Integrity section.

Exams

To review for each exam, keep thorough notes about your homework and quizzes. You will see similar problems on the exam. The regular unit exams will be available on WebAssign for 48 hours before the due date specified by the course calendar and listed below and will have a link to an online scientific calculator. The final exam has special settings which you can read about below. You have two (2) attempts at each problem. You may use other online resources, such as calculators and graphing utilities, but be aware the 'Watch It,' 'Master It,' and 'Ask My Teacher' features of WebAssign will not be available. **You may not ask another person (including the MaRCS tutors) or answer website (e.g., CourseHero, Chegg, etc.) for help and it will be handled as a (possible) violation of Academic Integrity if you do.**

See the course calendar for due dates .

The password for all exams is the word **ready**.

The exam is timed at 120 minutes (two hours) once you begin, but if you choose to start an exam less than 120 minutes before the due date, the exam will conclude at the due date, and your answers will be auto submitted. Also, be aware of the UTEP help desk hours (8am – 5pm) on weekdays and your instructor's availability during the exam, so you can plan properly.

ORES

Opportunity to Raise Exam Score (retake), will appear on WebAssign after the original exam according to the class calendar and listed below. A retake opportunity is available for the three regular exams, but **not the final exam.** The better grade of the two will be recorded. You do not have to take the ORES exam if you are satisfied with your original exam score. The ORES will be available on WebAssign for several days specified below. The exam is timed at 120 minutes (two hours) and will have a link to an online scientific calculator. You will have two attempts at each problem.

See the course Calendar for due dates

The password for all retake exams is the word **ready**.

If you choose to start an exam less than 120 minutes before the due date, the exam will conclude at the due date and your answers will be auto submitted.

Final Exam

The final exam will be available for two days during final exams week. This is a comprehensive exam and is required for all students. Remember, the final exam is worth 25% of your overall course grade. The final exam is timed at 165 minutes (2hr 45min) and will have an accessible scientific calculator. You may use other online resources, such as calculators and graphing utilities. **You may not ask another person (including MaRCS Tutors) or answer website (e.g., CourseHero, Chegg, etc.) for help and it will be handled as a (possible) violation of Academic Integrity if you do.** You have two (2) attempts at each problem.

The password for the final exam is the word **ready**.

See the course calendar for due dates.

Timed Assignments:

For all timed assignments, the clock begins once you open the assignment. This clock will not stop for any reason, not even if you log out. For this reason, it is important to check for any updates on your computer before beginning the timed assignments. It is also important to ensure that your laptop is fully charged or plugged in. Once you begin the exam, the due date will change to reflect the time limit. Please note: should you have circumstances beyond your control preventing you from completing the exam or quiz in the allotted time, you may email your instructor for more time, but be prepared to provide supporting documentation – such as a screenshot of the issue, or internet outage report for your area.

Course Schedule:

A comprehensive course schedule is attached as the last pages of this syllabus. Semester highlights are included.

- January 20 — First Day of Classes
- February 4 — Census Day (Last day to drop without a W)
- March 16 – 20 — Spring Break (no classes)
- March 27 — Cesar Chavez Day (no classes)
- April 2 — Drop Day (Last day to drop with a W)
- April 3 — Spring Study Day (no classes)
- May 7 — Last day of classes
- May 11 - 15 — Final Exams Week

Grading Policy

You will be graded on homework, quizzes, unit exams, and a final exam

15% Homework Assignments (Includes PTLs)
15% Quizzes (Includes Reflection Quizzes)
15% Exam I (or its retake, if better)
15% Exam II (or its retake, if better)
15% Exam III (or its retake, if better)
25% Final Exam

Letter grades are determined according to the following scale:

Grade	Score
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	<60

Drop Policy

The Drop Date for this semester is Thursday April 2nd, before 5:00 PM Mountain Time. No drops will be approved after this date or time.

Students who decide to drop the course must process a drop form by e-mailing records@utep.edu by the deadline. Please note that the College of Science will remain aligned with the university and **will not approve any drop requests after that date**.

Incomplete Grade Policy

Incomplete grades may be requested only in exceptional circumstances after you have completed at least half of the course requirements. Talk to me immediately if you believe an incomplete is warranted. If granted, we will establish a contract of work to be completed with deadlines.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES AND STATEMENTS

Make-up Policy

Homework

One (1) automatic homework extension can be requested within 2 days after the due date. It is important that you do not miss this extension window as I will not be extending the assignment for you. To extend homework assignments, log in to WebAssign and click on My Assignments then Past Assignments. Scroll to the assignment you want to extend and click Request Extension. Select "Automatic" and "Accept" the extension. You will have 72 hours from the time that you click “Accept” to complete the extended assignment. Note and pay close attention to the new due date and time. You will not be penalized for submitting late work. However, it is best to turn in your homework assignments by the original due date so that you are ready for exams and do not fall behind. All assignments must be completed prior to the opening window of the final exam.

WARNING: Do NOT view the answer key to a homework assignment before requesting the extension for it. You will be denied an extension from both WebAssign and from me if you view the answer key

Quiz

There are no automatic extensions for quizzes. If you feel like you have some extenuating circumstance or have an excused absence that will keep you from completing the quiz in a timely manner, please contact

me right away and be prepared to show supporting documentation – such as a university travel letter, medical documentation, military orders, etc.

University Sponsored Events:

These include conferences, student-athletes' competitions, etc. The student needs to inform me of any traveling conflicts before leaving and plan to make adequate arrangements to make up the missed material with one week of returning. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of points.

Exams

An opportunity to take an exam (or retake exam) outside of the designated window will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances such as severe illness or death in the family, and with appropriate documentation (e.g., doctor's note, military orders, notice of representation on UTEP events such as athletics).

Alternative Means of Submitting Work in Case of Technical Issues

I strongly suggest that you submit your work with plenty of time to spare if you have a technical issue with the course website, network, and/or your computer. I also suggest you save all your work (answers to homework, quizzes, and exams) in a separate Word document or hand-written notebook as a back-up. This way, you will have evidence that you completed the work and will not lose credit. If you are experiencing difficulties submitting your work through the course website, please contact the UTEP Help Desk.

You can email me your back-up document as a last resort. You must also have proof of the technical issue with either a screen-shot of the WebAssign issue or email from your internet provider of an outage in your area.

Quick Reference Table for Extension Policies

	Allowed to have accessed the answer key?	Allowed to have accessed the assessment?	How requested	When it must be requested	Length of extension	Penalty potentially applied to grade?
Homework	no	yes	Student activates AUTOMATIC extension in WebAssign	Within 2 days AFTER due date	72 hours from when requested (note: this may not be 11:59pm)	no
Quiz	no	no	Automatic extension not available; student must promptly relay documented reason to instructor	ASAP	Decided by instructor, if request is approved	50%, if request is not timely or well documented

Reflection quiz	N/A	yes	Student activates AUTOMATIC extension in WebAssign	Within 1 day AFTER due date	24 hours from when requested (note: this may not be 11:59pm)	no
Exam	no	no	Automatic extension not available; student must promptly relay documented reason to instructor	ASAP	Decided by instructor, if request is approved	50%, if request is not timely or well documented

Attendance Policy:

You are expected to work toward the completion of the course assignments daily. Attendance in this course is measured by the completed tasks. Failing to complete tasks in a timely manner is equivalent to being absent. Failure to complete assignments for two or more weeks without appropriate communication may result in you being dropped from the course. You are expected to check Blackboard and your UTEP miners e-mail regularly for announcements as well as the WebAssign Announcement section.

Academic Integrity Policy:

The University policy is that all suspected cases or acts of alleged scholastic dishonesty must be referred to the Dean of Students for investigation and appropriate disposition. Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, and any act designed to give an unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

I strongly discourage the use of sites such as Chegg, CourseHero, etc. in this class. If found to have consulted or contributed any material related to this class, you will be automatically reported to the Office of Community Standards as this could be considered a violation of the H.O.O.P. The HOOP can be found here Handbook of Operation Procedures

Each student is responsible for notice of and compliance with the provisions of the Regents' Rules and Regulations, which are available for inspection electronically at Regents' Rules and Regulations

All students are expected and required to obey the law, comply with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, with System and University rules, with directives issued by an administrative official during his or her authorized duties, and observe standards of conduct appropriate for the university. A student who

enrolls at the university is charged with the obligation to conduct himself/herself in a manner compatible with the university's function as an educational institution.

Any student who engages in conduct that is prohibited by Regents' Rules and Regulations, U. T. System or University rules, specific instructions issued by an administrative official or by federal, state, or local laws is subject to discipline, whether such conduct takes place on or off-campus or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

As you will be taking online exams this semester, please take a moment to review this list of activities considered cheating by the Office of Community Standards (OSCCR). Ways to Cheat

Chat GPT and other AI platforms

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become more easily accessible recently. We recognize there are useful functions of this technology and encourage you to use it ethically and responsibly for your academic endeavors. For example, it is fine to use AI to generate practice problems or examples to help you learn a concept (be cautious assuming everything you get is correct – sometimes it isn't!). However, it would be inappropriate and academically dishonest to submit work to be graded that was written or assisted by an AI program (e.g. Chat GPT). Just like the other tools you have available to help you through this course, you'll need to consider when and how to use them to help you meet your learning goals. If you are in doubt, please consult the instructor or any guidance UTEP may issue.

Course Netiquette Policy:

All correspondence with your instructor, TA, and other students should be conducted in an appropriate and professional manner. Please be considerate of your tone and word choice when conducting correspondence.

Accommodation Policy:

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary services to students, staff, faculty, job applicants, applicants for admissions, and other beneficiaries of University programs, services and activities with documented disabilities in order to provide them with equal opportunities to participate in programs, services, and activities in compliance with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Reasonable accommodations will be made unless it is determined that doing so would cause undue hardship on the University. Students requesting an accommodation based on a disability must register with the UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS). Contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services at 915-747- 5148, or email them at **cass@utep.edu** , or apply for accommodations online via the CASS portal.

Military Statement:

If you are a military student with the potential of being called to military service or training during the semester, you are encouraged to contact me as soon as you receive your orders.

Copyright Statement:

Course Materials

All materials used in this course are protected by copyright law. The course materials are only for the use of students currently enrolled in this course and only for the purpose of this course. They may not be further disseminated.

Class Recordings

The use of recordings will enable you to have access to class lectures, group discussions, and so on in the event you miss a synchronous or in-person class meeting due to illness or other extenuating circumstance. Our use of such technology is governed by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and UTEP's acceptable-use policy. A recording of class sessions will be kept and stored by UTEP, in accordance with FERPA and UTEP policies. Your instructor will not share the recordings of your class activities outside of course participants, which include your fellow students, teaching assistants, or graduate assistants, and any guest faculty or community-based learning partners with whom we may engage during a class session. You may not share recordings outside of this course. Doing so may result in disciplinary action.

COURSE RESOURCES

Where you can go for assistance UTEP provides a variety of student services and support:

Academic and Technology Resources

• **Help Desk:** Students experiencing technological challenges (email, Blackboard, software, etc.) can submit a ticket to the UTEP Helpdesk for assistance. Contact the Helpdesk via phone, email, chat, website, or in person if on campus, Academic Resources.

• **UTEP Library:** Access a wide range of resources including online, full-text access to thousands of journals and eBooks plus reference service and librarian assistance for enrolled students.

• **Math Tutoring Center (MaRCS)**: Ask a tutor for help and explore other available math resources.

Individual Resources

• **Military Student Success Center:** Assists personnel in any branch of service to reach their educational goals.

• **Center for Accommodations and Support Services:** Assists students with ADA-related accommodations for coursework, housing, and internships.

• **Counseling and Psychological Services:** Provides a variety of counseling services including individual, couples, and group sessions as well as career and disability assessments.

Health

- UTEP counseling center, Student Health and Wellness Center
- El Paso coronavirus hotline (915) 212-6843, El Paso COVID-19 information,
- El Paso's 24-hour Mental Health Crisis Line (915) 779-1800
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline or Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

- NAMI (National Alliance Against Mental Illness) of El Paso (915) 534-5478

RESOURCE REFERENCE GUIDE

Resource/Feature	Role	Location	Counts toward Grade?	Extensions?	Timed?
Homework	Practice concepts covered in course	WebAssign (My Assignments list)	yes	yes - Request on WebAssign (automatic extension) within 48 hrs from due date to get an additional 3 days; no penalty	no
Prepare to Learn (PTL) Homework	brush up skills just in time for when you need them; if you already have the skills, think of this as just an easy way to get a good HW grade	WebAssign (My Assignments list)	yes	yes - same as homework (above)	no
Chapter Quizzes	Intermediate skills assessment. These are similar to homework question but are timed!	WebAssign (My Assignments list)	yes	considered only for timely requests (no more than 24 hours after exam) with documented strong reason; 50% penalty for all other requests	yes - 60 minutes
Reflection Quizzes	Writing assignments to expand on topics covered in the unit	WebAssign (My Assignments list)	yes	yes - same as chapter quizzes (above)	no

Resource/Feature	Role	Location	Counts toward Grade?	Extensions?	Timed?
Unit Exams	Summative assessment to demonstrate skills. These are similar to homework and quiz problems, but require you to work under timed conditions	WebAssign (My Assignments list)	yes	considered only for timely requests (no more than 24 hours after exam) with documented strong reason; 50% penalty for all other requests	yes - 120 minutes
ORES	Opportunity to Raise Exam Score (it replaces a regular exam's first attempt only if that helps your grade; can be taken even if you missed the first attempt)	WebAssign (My Assignments List)	yes (it replaces a regular exam's first attempt, but only if that helps your grade)	same as unit exam (above)	yes - 120 minutes
Final Exam	Summative assessment to demonstrate skills. These are similar to homework and quiz problems, but require you to work under timed conditions. Covers all topic from the semester	WebAssign (My Assignments List)	yes	considered only for timely requests (no more than 12 hours after exam) with documented strong reason;	yes - 165 minutes
My Class Insights	Gives data on how you are doing in the class based on the topics covered in homework and quizzes	WebAssign (Class Dashboard, upper right)	no	n/a	n/a
Watch It videos	demonstrates how to solve selected homework problems	WebAssign with select questions - will be available on homework not exams	no	n/a	n/a
Ask My Teacher	Lets you ask questions where TA/instructor sees the exercise and your submissions	WebAssign in homework assignments	no	n/a	n/a
Full Length Lecture Videos	Covers material in a traditional manner by section	WebAssign, under Resources	no	n/a	n/a

Resource/Feature	Role	Location	Counts toward Grade?	Extensions?	Timed?
10-15 min. videos by Tuesday Johnson (UTEP Distinguished Lecturer)	Explains concepts and procedures for each topic (especially useful for asynchronous class)	Blackboard (within each chapter's materials) and YouTube links	no	n/a	n/a
Lecture outline worksheets	Notes and practice problems for each section	Blackboard (within each chapter materials)	no	n/a	n/a
Tech Guides	Explanations (with screenshots) of how to use technology with each chapter's tasks	Blackboard (within each chapter materials)	no	n/a	n/a
PowerPoints	Notes and examples about the content in each section of the book	Blackboard (within each chapter materials)	no	n/a	n/a
Games	An interactive fun alternative way to engage with concepts	Blackboard (resource for chapter 3)	no	n/a	n/a
Songs	A memorable, alternative way to engage with concepts	Blackboard (resource for chapters 4 and 7)	no	n/a	n/a
Concept Maps	Quick view of connections among chapter sections	Blackboard (resource for select chapters)	no	n/a	n/a

DUE DATES

Week	Assignment	Due Date **All assignments due @ 11:59 PM Mountain Time*** (WebAssign will display due date/time in your local time. Be sure to keep an eye on the date and time of due dates if you are not in the Mountain Time zone)	Notes
2	Getting Started with WebAssign PTL 1 Homework Section 7.1 and 7.2 Homework	Tuesday, January 27, 2026 Tuesday, January 27, 2026 Thursday, January 29, 2026	We recommend you complete these week 1
3	Section 7.3 and 7.4 Homework Section 8.1 and 8.2 Homework Chapter 7 Quiz	Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Thursday, February 5, 2026 Friday, February 6, 2026	All quizzes have the password: ready
4	Section 8.3 and 8.4 Homework Section 8.5 Homework	Tuesday, February 10, 2026 Thursday, February 12, 2026	Free Access to WebAssign ends at 11:59 PM 2/9. Make sure you purchase access before then!
5	Chapter 8 Quiz Sections 9.1 and 9.3 Homework PTL 2 Homework Chapter 9 Quiz Unit 1 Reflection Quiz	Monday, February 16, 2026 Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Thursday, February 19, 2026 Friday, February 20, 2026 Friday, February 20, 2026	
6	**Unit 1 Exam (Chapters 7, 8, 9)** PTL 3 Homework Section 1.1 Homework	**Monday, February 23, 2026** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Thursday, February 26, 2026	**Opens Sunday 2/22 @ 12:01 AM** All exams have the password: ready
7	**ORES (retake) Unit 1 Exam (Chapters 7, 8, 9)** Section 1.2 Homework Section 1.3 and 1.4 Homework	**Monday, March 2, 2026** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Thursday, March 5, 2026	**Opens Sunday 3/1 @ 12:01 AM**
8	Chapter 1 Quiz Section 2.1 Homework Section 2.2 Homework	Monday, March 9, 2026 Tuesday, March 10, 2026 Thursday, March 12, 2026	
	Spring Break (3/16 - 3/20)	Spring Break (3/16 - 3/20)	Spring Break (3/16 - 3/20)

9	Section 2.3 and 2.4 Homework Chapter 2 Quiz Unit 2 Reflection Quiz	Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Friday, March 27, 2026 Friday, March 27, 2026	
10	**Unit 2 Exam (Chapters 1, 2)** Section 3.1 and 3.2 Homework	**Monday, March 30, 2026** Thursday, April 2, 2026	**Opens Sunday 3/29 @ 12:01 AM**
11	**ORES (retake) Unit 2 Exam (Chapters 1, 2)** Section 3.3 Homework PTL 4 Homework Chapter 3 Quiz	**Monday, April 6, 2026** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 Thursday, April 9, 2026 Friday, April 10, 2026	**Opens Sunday 4/5 @ 12:01 AM**
12	Section 4.1 Homework Section 4.2 and 4.3 Homework	Tuesday, April 14, 2026 Thursday, April 16, 2026	
13	Chapter 4 Quiz Section 6.1 Homework	Monday, April 20, 2026 Thursday, April 23, 2026	
14	Section 6.2 Homework Chapter 6 Quiz Unit 3 Reflection Quiz	Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Friday, May 1, 2026 Friday, May 1, 2026	
15	**Unit 3 Exam (Chapters 3, 4, 6)** **ORES (retake) Unit 3 Exam (Chapters 3, 4, 6)**	**Monday, May 4, 2026** **Saturday, May 9, 2026**	**Opens Sunday 5/3 @ 12:01 AM** **Opens Thursday 5/7 @ 12:01 AM**
16	**Final Exam (covers whole course)**	**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**	**Opens Tuesday 5/12 @ 12:01 AM**