



## Getting Started Guide for Students

### *Preparing to study with MathXL*

**MathXL** is a powerful online tutorial, homework, and assessment system designed specifically for Pearson Education (Prentice Hall and Addison Wesley) textbooks in mathematics and statistics. You can use MathXL to do your homework assignments and tests online and you can take advantage of tutorial learning aids (such as step-by-step examples, animations, and videos) when you practice. MathXL is designed to help you succeed in your math course.

#### **Before you begin, be sure you have:**

- A valid **e-mail address**
- A **student access code**, which should have come packaged with your textbook  
*Sample:* WSMXL-TAROK-THOLE-PICON-SHRIK-PRAWN
- A **Course ID** from your instructor  
*Sample:* XL02-E1ZD-001Y-16G0

If you are using a computer off campus (at home or work) you will need to have administrative access and be connected to the Internet so you can install the necessary plug-ins. (*If you're not sure whether your computer meets the system requirements, go to [www.mathxl.com/system.htm](http://www.mathxl.com/system.htm), visit the MathXL Browser Check or Installation Wizard in your course, or call Customer Technical Support at 1-800-677-6337*).

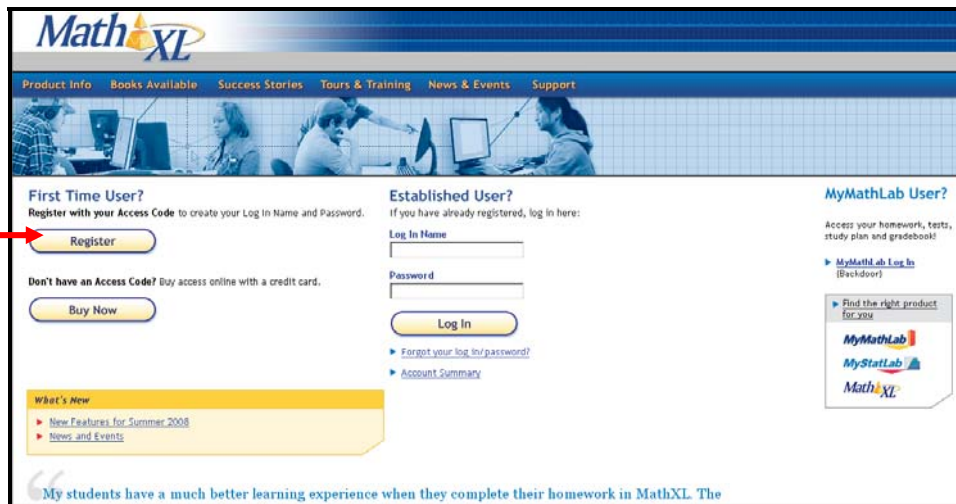
If you are using a computer on campus the necessary plug-ins may already be installed in the lab. If you aren't sure, check with the lab coordinator or your instructor.

#### **Registering and logging in:**

1. Launch Internet Explorer. *If you are off campus and using AOL to connect to the internet you will need to minimize AOL and then launch Internet Explorer.*

**NOTE:** Your MathXL course may be available on both PC and Mac platforms, using Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Safari. Check with your instructor for more information.

2. Go to [www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com).
3. Click the **Register** button if you are a first time user **and** have your access code.



4. If you are buying access with a credit card, click **Buy Now** and the on-screen instructions will guide you through the purchase process.
5. Please read all information in the License Agreement and Privacy Policy. Click **Accept** if you agree to the terms.
6. On the Access Information Screen, you'll be asked whether you already have a Pearson Education Account.

If you have registered for other Pearson online products, you may already have a login name and password. Select **Yes** to enter your login information.

*If you select Yes, you will see a Welcome Back screen, where you may be prompted to update your password and make changes to your account information as needed.*

If this is the first time you have registered for a Pearson online product, select **No** to create your **login name** and **password**. You may want to use your email address as your login name. If you do not use your email address, your login name must be at least 4 characters and cannot be the same as your password.

If you aren't sure whether you have a Pearson account, select **Not Sure**. Enter your email address and click **Search**. If you have an account, your login information will be sent to your email address within a few moments. You can then change your selection to **Yes**, and enter your login name and password as directed.

7. If you have a student access code, enter it in the Access Code boxes. Then click **Next**.

8. On the Account Information page, enter your first and last name and email address. Re-type your email address to make sure it is correct.

9. In the School Location section, select **United States** from the School Country drop-down menu. Enter your **school** zip code, and then select your school from the drop-down list.

*If your school is not listed, scroll to the bottom of the drop-down list and select **Other**. Then enter your school name and city and select the state.*

**School Location**

\* School Country  
United States

\* School Zip or Postal Code  
02116  
[Need help finding your school's Zip or Postal code?](#)

Enter your ZIP or Postal Code to see a list of schools in your area.

\* School Name  
BOSTON COLLEGE  
Select the name of your school from the list. If your school is not listed, select "Other" at the bottom of the list.

10. Select a security question and answer to ensure the privacy of your account. Click **Next**.

**Security Question**

If you contact us, we will ask you this question to confirm your identity.

\* Security Question  
Select the question you want us to ask you

\* Your Answer

**May we contact you?**

Let me know about other Pearson Education products and services to help me succeed.

Back Cancel Next

11. When your registration process is complete you will see a confirmation screen.

**Congratulations – You have successfully registered for your MathXL course!**

12. Print the Confirmation & Summary page so you will have a record of the Pearson product you have access to. Be sure to keep or print the email confirmation sent to you so you have a record of your login name and the email address used for your account.

**PEARSON** Steps to Register

Access Information Account Information Confirmation & Summary

**Confirmation & Summary** [Print This Page](#)

You have subscribed to a Pearson Education online product. Please [print this page](#) as your receipt. You will also receive a confirmation email for your records.

**MathXL**  
[Log In Now](#)

If you need to review or edit your account information, visit your [Account Summary](#) page.

Role: Student Account ID: 19871634  
Expiration Date: May 21, 2011 Order ID: 34993425  
Section or Module: MathXL Login Nam: ja

**About Your Transaction**

If you have any problems logging into or using this site, please contact [Customer Technical Support](#). If you need to review or edit your account information, visit your [Account Summary](#) page.

Transaction Date: Thu May 21 15:03:39 EDT 2009  
Order ID: 34993425  
Email Address: someone@somewhere.com

13. To log in to MathXL, click **Log In Now** under MathXL or go to [www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com), enter your login name and password, and click on **Log In**.

14. On the Welcome to MathXL screen, click on **Enter MathXL**.

### Enrolling in your course:

1. The first time you log in you will come to the Enroll in a New Course page. Select **I am taking a course that is using MathXL, and need to enroll in my instructor's course**. Boxes will appear where you can type in your Course ID.

*If you do not have the Course ID for your class, contact your instructor.*

*If you are using MathXL on your own, select **I am studying on my own, and need to choose a textbook**. You'll be given the option to search by book, author, or title, to find the textbook you want.*

2. After you enter your Course ID, you'll see the course name. Make sure that the name of the course is correct. Then click **Enroll**.
3. The **Enrollment Confirmation** screen will show you the course you have enrolled in and may prompt you to run the Browser Check or Installation Wizard.

**Important!** *If you are using a computer off campus and logging into MathXL for the first time, you must click **Run Browser Check** or **Run Installation Wizard** now.*

4. The Browser Check or Installation Wizard helps you install the plug-ins and players you need to do online exercises and view multimedia content (such as videos) in your MathXL course. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete this process. After you finish running the Browser Check or Installation Wizard, you will be on your course home page and ready to begin exploring your MathXL course.

5. Click the **How to Enter Answers** link to learn how to enter answers when working in MathXL.

The screenshot shows the MathXL interface for a 'Beginning Algebra' course. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Help', 'Support', 'Browser Check', and 'Log Out'. The user is identified as 'Saki Wallin' on '5/21/09 3:37 PM'. On the left, a 'Student' sidebar contains buttons for 'Course Home', 'Calendar', 'Homework and Tests', 'Results', and 'Study Plan'. The main content area is titled 'Beginning Algebra' and 'Welcome to MathXL'. It lists 'Before you start' instructions: run the 'Browser Check', view 'How to Enter Answers' (highlighted with a red arrow), and note that the course is now available on the Mac. A 'My Assignments' sidebar on the right shows 'See all assignments', 'Due Today (May 21)', and 'See Overall Score'. The footer of the page states: 'This course is based on Martin-Gay: Beginning Algebra, 5e Copyright 2009 Pearson Education'.

6. If you need help, visit [www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com) and click on the **Support** tab for more information. To access online help, click on the **? Help** link at the top right of your screen. You can also contact Customer Technical Support at **1-800-677-6337**.
7. When returning to work in MathXL, go to [www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com) and log in using your login name and password.
8. **Important!** You will access your MathXL course from this site, so be sure to **bookmark** [www.mathxl.com](http://www.mathxl.com)!