

Rules and Hints for the Statics Online Course KStatics1617 and KexStatics16

1. There are two different courses offered to support the Statics lecture and exercises on OLI.CMU.EDU. First of all you have to register there following 2. or 3. and enrol the in one of the to courses.
2. Register for the online course KStatics1617 (the local one) using your HSRW email address in the form 123456@hsrw.org (NOT students.hsrw, please) use as your ID this e-mail or the one in the form name1.name2@hsrw.org.
If you have and old account from last year, please check if it contains your immatriculation number either in the ID. Please change the e-mail address to the format 123456@hsrw.org
3. Register for the online course KexStatics16 if you are not yet at HSRW or it is after 5th of Oktober and you still do not have your student ID card and login credentials. Please use your birthday in the form 31-12-1992 as your ID and your name as printed in your passport. An arbitrary e-mail address can be used, but has later to be changed to the 123456@hsrw.org one once you are registered here.
4. You CANNOT register for both courses and only accounts with an e-mail in the above mentioned form can get the bonus points.
5. If you fullfil the below mentioned criteria you get max 20% extra credits for your statics course meaning if you pass the final written exam with 50% (a grade of 4.0) and you have passed the online course with 70%, your score increases by $20\% \cdot 70\% = 14\%$ meaning you end up with $50\% + 14\% = 64\%$ (a grade of 3.3). Note that the bonus points only apply if you pass the final written exam (i.e get a minimum of 50%).
6. To earn the bonus points (i.e. pass the online course) you have to get 50% of all points available in the quizzes. The weight of each chapter is the points awarded in the corresponding final quiz. To earn these points, you have to work through ALL the material provided for the corresponding chapter BEFORE trying the quiz (even if you believe you have the proper preparation already), i.e read the material, do the “did I get this?” tasks etc. (meaning: just trying the quiz right before the deadline is not a proper strategy)
7. You have to do all tasks on your own. Getting help in the task/quizzes by whatever means is considered cheating and means you end up with no bonus points at all! By the way: Giving away your answers to help others is considered cheating as well. Indded the online course can only help you best to understand Statics better, if you do it fully on your own. Together with the lecture, the exercises, the tutorials and the books this is one building block of learning Statics. People, who followed this course in a careful manner usually got the same result in the final written exam than in the online course (i.e. 80% OLI often meant around 80% in the exam). People, who tried to cheat usually failed in the final exam!
8. Please do the system check offered on the OLI website prior to start working in OLI. Make sure you have a proper learning environment and a stable internet connection. Please make sure you have the current updates and a virus checking tool enabled. An unstable system can lead to undesirable situations. There is always the possibily to use the computers at HSRW (e.g. in the library). The necessary equipment is fully your responsibility, i.e. if the quizzes crash etc. there is no automatic right to take the quiz again. Special cases can be considered, if proof for the situation is given (e.g. screenshots, a letter of your internet provider etc.)