




Overview of Mathematics Course Placement at MU

Beginning in 2010, Mathematics Course Placement at MU will be done via the ALEKS Math Placement Exam (ALEKS Exam).

- ALEKS is a powerful artificial-intelligence based assessment tool that zeros in on the strengths and weaknesses of a student's mathematical knowledge, reports its findings to the student, and then if necessary provides the student with a learning environment for bringing this knowledge up to an appropriate level for course placement.
- The ALEKS Exam covers a variety of topics from Precalculus.
- The ALEKS Exam is administered online, and students may take the ALEKS Exam as often as they desire.
- There is no charge the first time a student takes the ALEKS Exam. All subsequent attempts cost \$5.00.
- Students who wish to remediate may purchase access to a 6-week ALEKS Prep Course for \$30.00, or study on their own.
- Scores on the ALEKS Exam expire after 11 months. Students must have the minimum placement score by the last day to add or change sections for a given semester.
- Students may access a free trial of ALEKS to become acquainted with the program prior to taking the ALEKS Exam:
 - Visit: http://www.aleks.com/free_trial/consumer.
 - On the "Enter Your Personal Information" screen, select:
 - Choose your market: Higher Education | Math
 - Select a course: Preparation for Calculus
 - The free trial will allow students to access ALEKS for up to 3 hours during a 48 hour period.

IF:	THEN:	
Your Math ACT Subscore is below 28 .	→ 	Take the ALEKS Exam and earn the minimum score to place into your desired math course. (Some students may take a proctored version of the ALEKS Exam in order to receive credit by exam.)
Your Math ACT Subscore is 28 or higher .	→ You are exempt from the College Algebra general education requirement at MU.	
	AND IF: You do NOT plan to take Calculus or another Math class above Math 1100 at MU.	THEN: →  You do not need to take any exam.
	You DO plan to take Calculus or another Math class above Math 1100 at MU.	→  Take the ALEKS Exam and earn the minimum score to place into your desired math course.

NOTE: For students with prior math credit, dual credit, AP, or IB credit: Your ALEKS Exam score is an indication of your preparedness for the math course you wish to take. Even though you may be permitted to take a certain math course, if your score does not satisfy the minimum prerequisite score for your desired course, you are advised to retake a lower-level math course, or remediate and review materials from your prior course.