

ALEKS Information for Advisors

Who has to take the ALEKS PPL Assessment? All students who wish to take any of the courses listed below, that do not have appropriate ACT/SAT scores or meet the course prerequisites.

Course	Prerequisite	ACT	ALEKS
MA 100E	None	15 or below	0 or higher
MA 105	None	None	0 or higher
MA 100	None	16 or higher	30 or higher
MA 110	MA 100 or 105	22 or higher	46 or higher
MA 112, 115	MA 100 or 100E	22 or higher	46 or higher
MA 113	MA 112	25 or higher	61 or higher
MA 121	MA 112	25 or higher	61 or higher
MA 125	MA 112 & 113 or 125	28 or higher	76 or higher
MA 147	MA 100	22 or higher	46 or higher

Where/When can students take the ALEKS Placement Assessment? The ALEKS assessment must be taken at a certified testing center (UNA Testing Center recommended) during scheduled testing blocks. If students cannot take the assessment during the UNA Testing Center's testing blocks they make contact the Math Placement Coordinator (Dr. Jared Painter) for additional testing times. Students not on campus at UNA, may also take the placement at any certified testing center. The assessment does require the Respondus Lockdown Browser to be installed.

Is there a fee for using ALEKS PPL? Students must pay \$20 to use ALEKS. This gives students access to up to 5 placements, and 12 months access to the learning modules. Payment can be made on the ALEKS website using a credit or debit card.

Do students need to install any software or plug-ins prior to taking the ALEKS Placement Assessment? The ALEKS placement assessment requires the installation and use of the Respondus Lockdown Browser. Even if an additional version of the Respondus Lockdown Browser has been installed students must install the ALEKS version on a Windows or MAC computer to take the assessment.

What if a student does not place into the course they need on their first assessment? ALEKS gives students the ability to take the math placement assessment up to 5 total times. After a student completes their first assessment, they may sign up for an ALEKS Prep and Learning module that will be custom built specifically for them based on their first assessment. Students may work in the Prep and Learning Module to remediate and take up to 4 additional assessments. Students will have access to the Prep and Learning Module for up to 12 months.

Which ALEKS Prep and Learning Module should students enroll in after their first assessment? Students have only two options, they may either enroll in **Prep for PreCalculus** or **Prep for Calculus**. If a student needs to take MA 121 or MA 125, then they should sign up for **Prep for Calculus**, otherwise they should sign up for **Prep for PreCalculus**.

How much time should students spend working in their Prep and Learning Module before taking another ALEKS assessment? This depends more on each individual student, but it is required that they spend a **minimum of 8 hours** working in their Prep and Learning Module before they can attempt another assessment. However, students should be encouraged to spend as much time working in the Prep and Learning Module as possible so that they will see more improvement on their next assessment.

Students must also wait a minimum of 48 hours after an assessment before they can attempt their next assessment.

If you have additional questions about taking ALEKS at UNA contact, Dr. Jared Painter, jpainter@una.edu
