

Mathematics Placement

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is ALEKS?

ALEKS® (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) is a powerful artificial intelligence-based assessment software product that zeros in on the student's mathematical strengths and weaknesses, reports its findings and then, if necessary, provides a learning module to improve the student's knowledge and skill.

2. What is the cost of the ALEKS placement assessment?

The initial assessment, learning module, and two additional assessments (the "reassessments") are covered by fees already paid.

3. Can I practice with ALEKS before I take the placement assessment?

You may sign up for an optional free trial on ALEKS by visiting the [ALEKS® website](#).

4. How long does it take to complete the ALEKS assessment?

The assessment typically takes between 60 and 90 minutes, so plan accordingly. Short breaks are permitted during the assessment since it is not timed. Please complete your first assessment; if you log out before completing it, you may log back in and ALEKS will resume where you left off. The ALEKS assessment will be available 48 hours from the time of your first login. After that, it will time out, and you will not be able to complete that assessment.

5. Does ALEKS require any special software to run on my computer?

The use of ALEKS requires installation of the ALEKS plug-in or use of the streaming plug-in. The plug-in should install on your computer automatically the first time you access the ALEKS site. After installation of the ALEKS plug-in, restart (reboot) your computer. If you have trouble installing the plug-in go, contact [ALEKS Customer Support](#) or support.kent.edu at 330-672-HELP (4357).

6. Who should I contact if I am unable to log in to my math assessment?

If you are unable to access your ALEKS Mathematics Placement assessment because it has been more than 48 hours since you first logged in to the assessment, please contact University Advising and Testing at 330-672-0166 or testingservices@kent.edu.

7. Who should I contact if I have further questions about the ALEKS Placement Assessment?

If you have further questions about the ALEKS Placement Assessment, please email the [placement coordinator](#).

8. Will MATH 10038 Statistical Thinking or MATH 10475 Algebraic Thinking count as my Kent Core?

No. Neither course has been approved for the Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) category and will not count towards your Kent Core requirement.