

The UIC Math Placement Policy through Assessment and LEarning in Knowledge Spaces (ALEKS)

1. **All** incoming first-year students must complete an online math assessment (exceptions listed in part 2) using ALEKS prior to attending Summer Orientation and Registration. Students are eligible for a maximum of five retakes within six months of creating an ALEKS account before taking a math course at UIC.
2. **Transfer Policy:**
 - a. **All** transfer students intending to take mathematics at UIC at the Calculus I (Math 180) level or below who do not have math transfer credit awarded must complete an ALEKS assessment prior to registration.
 - b. If a student is awarded transfer credit for Pre-Calculus (Math 121) or Calculus (Math 180) by UIC, they are eligible to enroll in any course requiring these courses as a prerequisite without taking the ALEKS Placement Exam.

3. **AP Credit Policy:**

If UIC has received student AP results prior to the student attending the required Freshmen Orientation and the student is awarded AP credit for Calculus I (Math 180), then he or she is still required to take the ALEKS Placement Exam for advising purposes but is eligible to enroll in any course with Math 180 as a prerequisite. The AP scores required for UIC credit can be found at:

http://www.math.uic.edu/undergraduate/new_students/math_placement

4. **Course Enrollment Requirements:**

Students are REQUIRED to satisfy the minimum ALEKS percentage:

80 for Math 180

75 for Math 170 and STAT 130

60 for Math 121, 125, 165, and STAT 101

46 for Math 110, 140

30 for Math 090, 118

29 or lower Math 075, 088

5. ALEKS scores are valid for one academic year.
6. ALEKS scores do not place students at the Calculus II (Math 181) level or above. Students beginning at the Math 181 level or above must satisfy the prerequisite using transfer work, AP credit or UIC proficiency exam.

For more information please visit:

http://www.math.uic.edu/undergraduate/new_students

Critical Information for Advisors to share with Students:

When?

Students will have access to ALEKS after submitting their Intent to Enroll.

How?

Students can access the test by going to my.UIC and following the ALEKS link in UIC Connect.

How long does the test take?

The test is 25 to 30 questions and takes between 1.5 and 2 hours to complete.

Is there a cost for the test?

The ALEKS Placement will be free of charge and any student interested in a retake will have free access to the required learning modules and up to a total of five retakes. Five hours of work on a learning module are required before each retake and 72 hours must pass before having access to each retake.

After the test how will students find their results? ALEKS scores will be immediately available within ALEKS, and the corresponding math placements will be available within 72 hours on my.UIC where students initially accessed the test.

What are options if students are not satisfied with their scores/placements?

Any student with a score of 59% or less is encouraged to attend the Summer College Mathematics Workshops or take advantage of the learning modules and retakes offered free of charge.

Is there anything special students need to know before they take the test?

"Test Taking Tips" are available online for students to see on the "Prospective Students" section of the Undergraduate Studies Math website before they access my.UIC. They include:

1. Be honest.
2. Complete the exam on your own: You may not use books, other materials, the Internet, computer software, or consult with anyone.
3. Paper and pencil will be needed.
4. A calculator will be provided by ALEKS when needed, thus you should not use your own.
5. Expect the assessment to take 1.5 - 2 hours to complete, so plan accordingly.
6. You must finish the exam once you have started it.
7. Take the test seriously and do not rely on the option to re-take the test.

Technical Support is provided
by ALEKS Customer Support

Hours (*Eastern Time*):
Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 11:00

PM Phone: (714) 619-7090

Fax: (714) 245-7190

Email: <http://support.aleks.com>

Notes to Advisors about ALEKS and Math Placement:

- Any student requiring special assistance will be accommodated. Refer any questions regarding accommodations to the UIC Disability Resource Center (312-413-2183, TDD 312-413-0123, drc@uic.edu)
- Advisors will have access to test results in BANNER on SOATEST within 72 hours of the student completing the exam.
- For the most up to date information, please visit the "Prospective Students" section of the Undergraduate Studies Math Website at:
http://www.math.uic.edu/undergraduate/new_students/math_placement
- Space on campus will be provided to any student who is unable to access the online exam off campus. To make arrangements, send request to placement@math.uic.edu.
- All questions regarding math placement at UIC should be directed to placement@math.uic.edu.