

The ALEKS Placement, Preparation, and Learning Assessment

The University of Redlands uses the web-based ALEKS Placement, Preparation, and Learning (ALEKS PPL) Assessment to determine which precalculus or calculus course is the most appropriate for you! Here are a few questions you might have:

What is the ALEKS PPL Assessment?

The ALEKS PPL Assessment is a 25 question assessment designed to give an accurate measure of your current mathematical knowledge, so that you will be successful in your future calculus courses. The Assessment takes 60-90 minutes to complete, and can be taken from any computer at your convenience.

When should I take the Assessment?

The U of R Math Department recommends completing the ALEKS PPL Assessment as soon as possible! The sooner you take your initial Assessment, the sooner we can take the steps needed to get you into the classes you want.

What if I don't place into the class I need?

You can retake the ALEKS PPL Assessment! Following your first assessment, the ALEKS program's artificial intelligence will map your strengths and weaknesses, and for twelve months, will provide individualized Prep and Learning Modules designed to target and review topics you may have forgotten. Devoting at least 3 hours to these modules will unlock the opportunity to retake the Placement Assessment. This may be done twice within one year of your initial assessment, but we recommend that you do so before the school year begins. Engaging in these modules consistently following your first assessment will be the key to improving your placement!

What's next?

Once you have completed any ALEKS PPL Assessment, your score and placement will be displayed on screen. These results can then be discussed with your advisor and will be used to determine which non-calculus or calculus course is right for you. You are encouraged to re-take the placement exam, as placing into the highest-level mathematics course for which you are prepared will create more opportunities for you. **However, you are not obligated to take the highest-level course into which you place.**

Still have Questions?

Please email math_placement@redlands.edu or calculus_placement@redlands.edu

In order to ensure accurate assessment and placement, do not consult any outside sources during your ALEKS PPL Assessment. Just try your best!

While taking the Placement Assessment, students should not consult any outside sources for help (friends/family, internet searches, textbooks, notes, etc. or use calculators when not allowed). Doing so may result in a student enrolling in a class that is too difficult, or not challenging enough, potentially costing time and money.