

Taking the Proctored Assessment

The Proctored Placement Assessment results will be used to determine the most appropriate courses for each student as they move forward with college coursework. After taking a Placement Assessment, students should meet with their advisor to review their results and enroll in the best classes based on their scores.

Where do I take the Proctored Placement Assessment?

During campus closure due to COVID-19, the only avenue for proctoring is using Respondus Monitor. There is a fee of \$5 to use this service and you may test at a location of your choosing with reliable internet access.

May I use a calculator while using ALEKS?

ALEKS will provide an on-screen calculator for some problems. If ALEKS does not provide an on-screen calculator for a question, then you may not use a calculator.

May I use any other resources during a Placement Assessment?

You may only use a pen or pencil, paper, and the resources provided within ALEKS. You should not receive assistance from another person, websites, textbooks, or any other resource not provided by ALEKS. Using outside resources will lead to improper placement and potentially course failure. It is also a violation of MGA's Student Code of Conduct to use outside resources.

There is no benefit to cheating on the Placement Assessment – the only result will be that a student enrolls in a class that is too difficult, or not challenging enough, potentially wasting time and money. The purpose of the Placement Assessment is to give an accurate measure of a student's current mathematical knowledge state so that he/she will be successful in mathematics courses.

Can I review a question after I've answered it?

Because ALEKS is adaptive, once you submit an answer, you cannot change it. Be sure to carefully check your answer before submitting your response.

What if I see questions I don't know?

It is likely that you will be asked questions on material you have not yet learned. On such questions it is appropriate to answer, I don't know. On any question that you have familiarity with, however, it is important to do your best. I don't know is interpreted by ALEKS to mean that you do not know how to solve the topic, and this will be reflected in the Placement Assessment results. There is no penalty for incorrectly answering a question on the Placement Assessment, it only helps ALEKS understand what you know and don't know.

Are Placement Assessments timed?

Yes, you have 3 hours to complete a Placement Assessment once it has begun.

What happens if I do not complete a Placement Assessment in the allotted time?

If the incomplete Placement Assessment is proctored and timed, you will be given a placement result, but it will not be a true reflection of your abilities.