Interpreting Your ALEKS Results

Immediately after completing the ALEKS assessment, you will be shown a pie chart which indicates your percentage score. You can log back into ALEKS to view your Placement Results at any time.

If you achieve the score at or above the prerequisite level for an UMSL mathematics course, you will be able to enroll in that course through MyView within two business days. Your academic advisor will also have access to your score within two business days.

To determine which UMSL mathematics course you are eligible to take, refer to the Mathematics Course Prerequisite Information page here.

I have earned the minimum ALEKS score for my math course. What do I do now? Congratulations! Continue to use your Prep and Learning Module to improve your chances for success. Take advantage of the targeted review and learning features in ALEKS to get a better grade in your class.

To enroll in your math course:

Incoming freshmen/transfer students: There is nothing you need to do. Your academic advisor will be able to view your ALEKS score and will assist you in enrolling in your courses during New Student Orientation.

If you plan to enroll yourself in your math course: Login to MyView to complete your registration. Note that it takes one business day for your ALEKS score to be available in MyView, and another business day for the system to recognize the score as a valid prerequisite for a math course. Please contact the Math Office for assistance.

What if I do not place into the course that I wanted? You can use the ALEKS Prep and Learning Module to review and to learn. You may want to take another placement assessment to improve your results. Be advised that there is a 48-hour waiting period between attempts.

What if I only missed the minimum score by a few points? The Mathematics Department has strict prerequisite requirements and lowering the minimum score for placement into any course is not permitted.

My degree program requires that I start with a particular math course. What if I place lower than that? Does that mean I can’t graduate in four years? Whether or not you graduate in four years depends on both your major and your particular math placement results. The most important thing is to discuss your options with your academic advisor. Also, remember that time spent in the ALEKS Prep and Learning Module may help you to improve your placement results while also preparing you for your upcoming math course.

I earned an ALEKS score of 66% or higher when I took the assessment (non-proctored). Since my major doesn’t require me to take any higher-level math courses, have I fulfilled my Math Proficiency Requirement? No. To earn proficiency, you must take the ALEKS in a proctored setting at the Campus Testing Center. Students should consult with an academic advisor prior to registering for a Proctored ALEKS assessment.