Do I Need to Take the ALEKS if…?

…I have college math credits, like AB, IB or Dual Enrollment credits?

Freshmen: All freshmen should take ALEKS and can talk to an advisor at [New Student Orientation](#). Transfer credits will still count, but students need to know whether or not they are prepared for their intended math course at UMSL. The purpose of our placement process is to determine, based on your mathematical background and current ability, which math course is appropriate for you. If you have transfer credits and ALEKS places you below the level you need for a particular math course, please discuss this with your academic advisor.

Transfer Students: All students who wish to enroll in a math course at or below the Calculus I level (MATH 1800) are encouraged to take the ALEKS assessment. ALEKS will gauge how well you are prepared for your desired course. In particular, if it has been more than one year since you took your math course, you need to spend time reviewing in the ALEKS Prep and Learning Modules in order to be successful in your upcoming course!

…I took the AP Calculus test?

Yes. Incoming freshmen must take the ALEKS assessment. AP scores are not available until mid-summer, and decisions about your eligibility for math courses may be needed prior to the receipt of these scores. It is possible that your AP score will allow you to register for a higher-level math course, so you should check with your academic advisor.

…I took College Algebra, Precalculus, or Calculus at my high school?

A high school course not does count towards college credit unless it was taken as part of a dual credit program through a college or university. Students must take ALEKS in order to place into the appropriate math course at UMSL. If you took a college-level or dual credit course while in high school, you must provide appropriate documentation to the [Office of Admissions](#).

…I just want to repeat my last math course?

Regardless of whether or not you have taken a course before, you must satisfy the prerequisite requirements for the course in the upcoming semester when you plan to enroll. For example, if you did not earn a C- or above in your last math course and want to repeat it, you will need an ALEKS score for the upcoming semester. If your original score has expired, you will need to repeat the assessment.

…I took an ALEKS assessment through another institution. Can I use this score at UMSL?

No. UMSL does not accept an ALEKS assessment score taken elsewhere.