

## **COBI Placement tests for entering students**

### **Math Placement**

For your first math class at UT, you are either placed based on your ACT/SAT Math composite\* or your ALEKS placement score.

\*Your admitted high school/transfer GPA and any prior college - level credit may be taken into account as well, if applicable.

If you do not know your ACT scores, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### **ALL COBI MAJORS**

Your MATH ACT/SAT score places you into Math as follows:

Math ACT 22 or higher (Math SAT 520 or higher)

– Math 1730 (Calculus with Applications to Business and Finance)

Math ACT 20-21 (Math SAT 480-510)

– Math 1320 (College Algebra)

Math ACT 19 or lower (Math SAT 470 or lower)

– Math 1200 (Mathematical Modeling and Problem Solving) or Math 1200+ 1190 (Mathematical Modeling Study Skills) An Adviser will assist you on this placement

All students must complete the Math 1730 for BBA degree requirements. Students beginning in Math 1730 have more elective hours than students who begin with the lower pre-requisite courses.

If you don't have an ACT/SAT score or you want to place in a higher math class - You can take ALEKS!

Why take the ALEKS Math Placement Test?

Taking the ALEKS placement test gives you the opportunity to place into a math class you are developmentally prepared for, saving you time and money that would have otherwise been spent on an unnecessary prerequisite class. You will have a total of 3 attempts to get the score you want, and the Prep and Learning Modules (more information on that below and in the FAQ section) will help you review the subject matter and give you the practice you need to succeed.

ALEKS scores required for course placement:

Score of 61 or higher will place you into

– Math 1730 (Calculus with Applications to Business and Finance)

Score of 46 - 60 will place you into

– Math 1320 (College Algebra)

Score of 45 or lower will place you into

– Math 1200 (Mathematical Modeling and Problem Solving)

Remember you have 3 attempts to raise your score!

ALEKS – Advance Your Skill

What is ALEKS?

ALEKS is an online system that uses adaptive questioning to quickly and accurately assess student knowledge. It can be accessed on any computer with internet access that meets the system requirements.

(Find the system requirements here:

<http://www.aleks.com/faqs/technical> )

You will need your UTAD username and password to use ALEKS.

Need to activate your UTAD account?

Visit [http://www.utoledo.edu/orientation/new/UTAD\\_account.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/orientation/new/UTAD_account.html)

for step-by-step directions.

Cost :

There is a non-refundable \$25 fee (paid by credit card) to access ALEKS. This fee is assessed by McGraw Hill Education once you log in with your UTAD credentials. The University will not accept payment for ALEKS.

With this fee you will obtain:

One initial placement test

A single 6-week subscription to the Prep and Learning modules to elevate your current math knowledge

Two additional placement tests which you may take to raise your placement score

Getting Started with ALEKS

Your browser will need the ALEKS plug-in (which will download

automatically). You will need your UTAD credentials to access ALEKS.

You may 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.

#### Need Special Accommodations?

Please call the Student Disability Services at 419.530.4981

#### When to Take ALEKS

Students attending an on-campus orientation program (Rocket Launch or Rocket Transition) should take the ALEKS test (along with any other required placement tests) not later than the day before their program date. Remember, ALEKS provides practice for up to six weeks and two re-takes, so you want to take the first ALEKS attempt early (as far in advance of your orientation date as possible).

You will be meeting with an advisor and registering for classes at orientation so having your final test score will assist the advisor in preparing for your meeting. Students completing online orientation (Transfer students, Non-Traditional students) should take the test no later than the day before you meet with an advisor to register for classes. Please note that you will need to complete the online orientation before you will be able to register for classes. We advise that you take your ALEKS test as soon as possible so you have enough time to take advantage of the Prep and Learning Modules and retake the test before you register for classes.

#### Where to Take ALEKS

You may use ALEKS wherever you feel comfortable (at home, the public library, etc.). The Main Campus Testing Center offers the ALEKS test. Please note that you must follow the Test Center rules when using ALEKS there. Visit [http://www.utoledo.edu/orientation/new/Placement\\_Testing.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/orientation/new/Placement_Testing.html) for Testing Center hours and required materials.

#### What to Use with ALEKS

You may use paper and a writing utensil for the test(s).

ALEKS will provide an on-screen calculator should you need to use one for any particular problem; therefore, you should refrain from using your own.

Any other resources will be provided by ALEKS when necessary. The ALEKS test determines your placement into your first math class at the University, so it is extremely important that your score reflects your true math ability. Any outside assistance you use to complete the test (friends, family, other websites, textbooks, –any resource not provided by ALEKS) could lead to improper placement into a class you are not prepared for and ultimately course failure.

(See the University’s Academic dishonesty policy for more information.)

#### ALEKS Scoring Information

Your score is automatically added to your UT student profile which is accessible by your advisor. You can view your score by using the same access link for which you took the exam, i.e. "New Incoming Student" or the "Current UT Student" link from <http://www.aleks.com/utoledo/ppl>. Click the assessment button and your score will appear. The suggested math classes for which you are eligible based on your score (and intended major) can be found on the websites below.

The undergraduate mathematics course catalog can be found here:

[http://www.math.utoledo.edu/undergrad\\_catalog.html](http://www.math.utoledo.edu/undergrad_catalog.html)

The placement testing chart (scores required for each math course) can be found here:

[http://math/placement/placement\\_brochure.pdf](http://math/placement/placement_brochure.pdf)

#### Technical Support

For ALEKS customer support please phone or email:

Phone: (714) 619-7090

Hours (Eastern Time):

Sunday, 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Monday -Thursday, 7:00 AM to 1:00 AM

Friday, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Email:

<http://support.aleks.com>

Website:

<http://www.aleks.com/faqs/technical>

### Frequently Asked Questions –ALEKS

The sign in asks me to select the organization. Which do I choose?

There are two choices for organization. Select the default, which is:  
ADFS.utoled.edu

How long will an ALEKS test take to complete?

The ALEKS placement tests are untimed, so you are free to complete them at your own pace. However, you will need to complete each test in one sitting. Please note that each test will require approximately 90 minutes to complete, but the amount of time will vary so please plan accordingly. There will be a maximum of 30 questions.

Can I practice using ALEKS before I begin placement?

ALEKS will begin with a tutorial before your placement begins. You may also practice with a free trial at [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com) but note that your progress in the trial will not be saved or applied to your placement score.

I am not satisfied with my first ALEKS test score. What can I do to increase it?

If you believe that your score does not reflect your true abilities, you can use a Prep and Learning module to review and learn before taking your 2<sup>nd</sup> test and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> tests to improve your score.

Can I retake the ALEKS Placement test?

Yes, you may retake up to 2 times, for a total of 3 attempts. You are strongly encouraged to use the learning modules in between assessments.

Can I retake the ALEKS assessment immediately?

Students must wait 48 hours between placement assessments.

Does progress in an ALEKS Prep and Learning Module count towards

placement?

No, you must complete a new placement assessment to change your placement score. Click on the placement tab on the upper right of the page from within ALEKS. Only your placement assessment scores will be used for course placement.

How long do I have access to a Prep and Learning Module?

You will have six weeks of access from the time that you start using a particular Prep and Learning Module.

What are Progress Assessments?

While working in a Prep and Learning module you will periodically complete Progress Assessments to solidify your gains in knowledge. The results of Progress Assessments do not count toward your placement score.

Do I have to take the ALEKS test each semester that I take a math class?

No, you will only have to take the test for your first math class at UT.

Will my ALEKS score appear on my transcript?

No, the score will be available to your advisor and used only to place you in an appropriate math class.

### **IBUS (International Business) MAJORS ONLY**

International Business Majors must demonstrate a Foreign Language Proficiency.

This may be satisfied by completing 4 years of the same language in high school with earned grades of B or better in each class, **or**

Having a proficiency in a native language other than English, **or**

By completing a university level fourth semester (Course number 2150) foreign language course or by placing above the 2150 level.

Therefore, International Business majors may need to complete the Foreign Language Placement test in a language they have studied.

If you have any questions about what placement test you should take, contact:

**College of Business and Innovation**  
419.530.2087  
Savage Business Complex, Room 3130

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