

Preparing to take a Math Placement Test

DO I NEED TO TAKE MATH PLACEMENT TEST (ALEKS TEST)?

It depends. JJC uses multiple measures for placement. For instance, you can use ACT or SAT for placement.

	Course	minimum ALEKS	minimum ACT	minimum SAT
Developmental	Math 090	0	--	--
	Math 094, BMAT 101, TMAT 107	14	--	--
	Math 095, 098, TMAT 108	27	--	--
College	Math 119, 123, 127, 128	40	22*	530*
	Math 131, 138	46	22*	530*
	Math 142	54	23*	590*
	Math 137, 139, 150, 153	61	--	--
	Math 170	76	--	--

*The math department strongly recommends that students who use SAT/ACT for placement also take ALEKS to see another measure of preparedness for a course and to identify areas of skill deficiencies in order to remediate prior to the start of the course.

WHAT DOES THE PLACEMENT TEST LOOK LIKE?

ALEKS Math Placement exam uses open-response questioning (not multiple-choice). The exact number of questions (up to 30) will vary since the questions adapt based on your responses. 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." However, on any question that you have familiarity with, it is **important to do your best**.



IS THERE A CHARGE FOR PLACEMENT TESTING?

No, as long as you apply to Joliet Junior College and have a JJC student ID number and JJC student email account. You will then have access to ALEKS PPL (Placement, Preparation, and Learning). ALEKS PPL includes five attempts at the ALEKS placement test within a 12-month period and 12-month access to the ALEKS Prep and Learning Module which you can access after completing the first attempt at the placement test.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR MY PLACEMENT TEST?

The benefit of ALEKS is a build-in preparation module. Come in and take your first attempt at the placement test. After you are finished, you will be presented with an initial placement. You will then have access to the ALEKS Prep and Learning Module, which is a web-based remediation plan, for up to 12 months. Practice in the Learning Module, and then come take the placement test again. You can take the ALEKS placement test up to five times.

WHERE DO I GO TO TAKE A PLACEMENT TEST?

Testing is available in Testing Services (locations at Main Campus, Romeoville Campus, City Center Campus). You do not need an appointment. We can also set up off-site placement testing. For hours or more information, contact Testing Services at (815) 280-2261 or <https://www.jjc.edu/student-resources/testing-services>.

WHAT DO I BRING ON TEST DAY?

You should have your JJC ID number, your JJC username and password, and a valid photo ID (such as your JJC ID card or driver's license). You also need a pencil. Paper will be provided for your scratch work, and a calculator will be available in the testing program on any question which a calculator is permitted.

DO I NEED TO TAKE GEOMETRY PLACEMENT TEST (ACCUPLACER TEST)?

It depends. Math 119, 123, 131, 138, and 142 have a Geometry prerequisite. Many students meet this prerequisite through high school coursework by earning average grade of C or better in one year of a Geometry class. If you need to take the JJC Geometry placement test, it is free and involves 20 multiple-choice questions. It can be taken two times in a two-year period.

If you have a documented disability, contact Disability Services (815) 280-2230 for info about placement testing options.

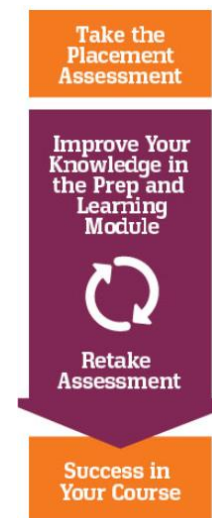
After Taking the ALEKS Math Placement Test

WHY SHOULD I TRY THE PLACEMENT TEST AGAIN?

You should try to improve your course placement. Many students have had time pass since taking a math class and need an opportunity to review topics they may have forgotten. Once those skills are refreshed, students can place in a course that is properly aligned to their level of math understanding. If you are properly placed into a math course, you have the highest chance to be successful. You will **save money** on unnecessary books and credit hours for courses you could place out while **saving time**. What could be more valuable?

Students who are successful in their first math course:

- Are more likely to stay enrolled term to term and enroll in higher-level math courses
- Experience a greater range of career options
- Save on tuition payment/financial aid: approximately \$600 in tuition and fees per class
- Save on books: approximately \$200 per textbook for each class
- Save 6+ months of class time, keeping you on track for graduation



WHAT ARE FEATURES OF THE ALEKS PREP AND LEARNING MODULE?

After your first placement test attempt, students can access the ALEKS Prep and Learning Modules by visiting <https://www.jjc.edu/launch-aleks> on campus or at home and provide the requested info. You will have access to the Learning Modules for 12 months after you access the Prep and Learning Modules for the first time.

Features of the ALEKS Prep and Learning Modules:

- Track progress on topics and your overall progress toward mastery
- Learning pages provide sample problems with a detailed explanation and answer
- Opportunity to answer questions and receive immediate feedback
- Switch topics and review topics as needed

Prep and Learning module remediation is **recommended but not required** before your second attempt at the ALEKS placement test. Three hours of remediation within the Prep and Learning Modules are **mandatory** before each of your three remaining attempts at the ALEKS test (you have five total attempts at the placement test)

HOW DO I INTERPRET MY SCORES?

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WHAT IF I DON'T OBTAIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM SCORE FOR THE COURSE I WISH TO TAKE?

After your placement test, you will see your math placement and a color-coded pie chart displaying your areas of math proficiency. If you are not satisfied with your course placement, complete work in the Learning Module, re-take the placement test, and feel more confident in your placement. Remember you can take the ALEKS test **up to 5 times**.

HOW LONG ARE MY SCORES VALID?

ALEKS scores are valid for 24 months. You have five attempts at the ALEKS test within a twelve-month period.