Mathematics Placement at TU

The University of Tulsa recognizes that understanding of mathematics is a core requirement for success in college, regardless of your intended field of study. All incoming students (including new transfer students) therefore are required to take the ALEKS Placement Assessment before coming to the University.

It is important for success in mathematics that you enroll in a course for which you have the necessary preparation and which leads to the math courses required for your particular major. ALEKS is a powerful, artificial intelligence based mechanism to assess math proficiency and skill level. The ALEKS Placement Assessment is available online using your TU Username and Password. It covers material from Basic Math through Pre-calculus and will take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

After the assessment, a targeted Prep and Learning Module is available for you to review and learn material, and to improve placement and eventual course outcomes.

Who has to take the ALEKS Placement Assessment?

- All entering freshmen, regardless of AP, IB, dual enrollment.
- All entering transfer students with no transfer credits for Calculus I or higher.
- We highly encourage all transfer students to take the exam if they need additional mathematics coursework. If the score on the exam indicates a lack of preparedness for the course, the student should seriously consider taking any missing prerequisites or taking an ALEKS learning module, included with the assessment.
- Some returning students are required to take the Placement Assessment, if no prerequisite courses have been taken.

Is there a fee for using ALEKS?

- Use of ALEKS is included in your student fees.

Can I retake the ALEKS Placement Assessment?

- Yes, you may take up to 3 placement assessments. However, to make each attempt worthwhile, it is important that you spend time working in your ALEKS Prep and Learning Module in between placement assessments so that you can improve your skills.

When can I start my ALEKS Placement Assessment?

- Placement Assessment access is available now.
- New students may access ALEKS by going to the New Student Portal link https://portal.utulsa.edu/sites/new-students and logging in with your TU Username and Password.
- Click on the New Student Checklist option and the link to take the ALEKS test will be on this list.

Please contact your enrollment advisor with any questions.