

Steps for TAKING the ALEKS Placement Test

Navigate to the **WIU ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) Math Placement** webpage. Scroll to the bottom. Click **Take the ALEKS Assessment**.

- [Fees & Approval to take ALEKS](#)

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Before You Start - Information on Taking the Assessment

You will take the ALEKS online test at home, and you will need the following:

- Your WIU ID number and password
- Pencil and paper
- A reliable internet connection (use a computer, not a phone)
- 2-2.5 hours of uninterrupted time in a quiet place where you can do your best.

Best Practices

- Don't use a personal calculator. If one is needed to answer a question, ALEKS will provide one automatically for that question, which will also make entering the answer easier.
- Don't use other resources such as textbooks, websites, or people (see Academic Honesty below)

Academic Honesty

Knowledge in math is built from the ground up, and new concepts require a certain background (prerequisites). The purpose of the assessment is to give an accurate measure of your current mathematical skills, so that we can place you where you will have the greatest likelihood for success.

There is no benefit in inflating your abilities on the exam to advance your placement. Taking a class that is not appropriate for your current level of mathematical knowledge will most likely be plagued by frustration, hardship, and will end in disappointment. It could delay your graduation.

Therefore, while you are taking the ALEKS assessment, you are expected to do your best. You are encouraged to seek help (people, internet searches, textbooks, etc.), and do your honest best.

In addition, as a WIU student, you are expected to adhere to the Student Academic Integrity Policy.

Take ALEKS

1. Continue to the [ALEKS Login](#)
2. If you have been approved to take the test:
 - you will be redirected to the ALEKS webpage OR
 - you will be prompted to enter your WIU Ecom username and password.

Technical Support

Contact [ALEKS Customer Service](#) for assistance.

Click **ALEKS LOGIN**.

The following are example screens in ALEKS:

The screenshot displays the ALEKS user interface. At the top left, the ALEKS logo is visible. On the top right, there is a user greeting "Hi, Great!" with a dropdown arrow. Below the header, the "My Classes" section is shown, featuring a search icon, "Current (0)", and "Hidden (0)" filters. A yellow notification banner states: "Your class has not been set up yet. Please contact your instructor." Below this, the "Active (0)" section is visible. A large white box with the text "Add Class" is present, and a red callout box with the text "Click here" points to it. A mouse cursor is positioned over the "Add Class" text.

Add Class

Enter the 10-character class code of the class you would like to add or change to below. You should have received this from your instructor.

Class Code -

Enter the
Class code
(this was emailed to you)

Confirm Class Information

You are about to be enrolled in the following ALEKS class. Check the class details carefully.

Class Code:	N - G - V - 4
Class:	Freshmen and Transfers, Fall 2023, Fall 2023
Subject:	Higher Education Math Placement
Class Dates:	02/15/2023 - 08/14/2023
Institution:	Western Illinois University

Confirm, if it
looks correct.

Cancel

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Confirm

The screenshot shows the ALEKS website interface. At the top left is the ALEKS logo. Below it is the heading "My Classes". A green banner with a checkmark icon contains the text "You are now enrolled in Freshmen and Transfers, ...". Underneath, a section titled "Active (1)" contains a card for the class "Freshmen and Transfers, Fall 2023, Fall 2023 / Higher Education Math Placement". The card lists the following details: "Last Login: Not available yet", "Time Spent in Prep Module: Not started", "Reference: GIKEMS-1", and "Current Progress: Not started". A small circular icon with a right-pointing arrow is located at the bottom right of the card. To the right of the card is a large white box with the text "Add Class". A red callout box with a white border and a red border contains the text: "You are now ready to begin. To start, they will explain to you how to use the site and enter your answers, before the actual exam begins." A red arrow points from the callout box to the class card.

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The front page of information on [mathematics placement at Western Illinois University is here](#).