

**A Math Review
Just for You!**



ALEKS®

What is ALEKS? ALEKS is a web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system. ALEKS uses adaptive questioning to quickly and accurately determine exactly what you know and don't know – ALEKS will then instruct you on the topics you are most ready to learn. As you work through the prerequisite material, ALEKS periodically reassesses you to ensure that topics learned are also retained. ALEKS is very complete in its topic coverage and ALEKS avoids multiple choice questions. If you have any questions about how this program works please talk to your instructor.

How do you begin?

1. Go to www.aleks.com/
2. Click on the link marked “New User? Sign Up Now!” in the yellow box on the left side of the page.
3. Click `Continue` in the Using ALEKS on Your Own? Box on the right side of the page
4. Note the pricing schedule. If you are really serious about this you can get your review done in a month. If you wish to do so, click on `BUY ALEKS NOW`
5. Answer the questions on the Subscription Page.

Under Market: Choose **Higher Education | Math**

Under Course: Choose one of the following options depending on your needs

- Prep for Beginning Algebra
- Prep for Intermediate Algebra
- Prep for College Algebra
- Prep for PreCalculus
- Prep for Calculus with Limits

6. During the registration process, you will be given a login name and password. You will have the opportunity to change your password if you wish. **Write down your login name and password, and keep them in a safe place.** You will need them to access your ALEKS account in the future.

7. If you do not have a current ALEKS plug-in, one will be installed automatically at this time. The plug-in is a small software component needed by ALEKS and provided free of charge to all ALEKS users. Normally, installation is fully automatic and requires only a minute or so. **If you experience any difficulty with installation, please contact ALEKS Customer Support at <http://support.aleks.com>.**

When the installation is complete, please be sure to close all of your browser windows to restart your browser.

8. Go to www.aleks.com and enter your ALEKS login name and password in the Registered Users area and click on “LOGIN.” You will now be in your ALEKS student account.

Browser Buttons

Please do not use your browser’s back or forward buttons while working in your ALEKS student account; you should only use the navigation buttons and links within ALEKS itself. You may be tempted to review an ALEKS explanation to a problem, and then click the back button to return to the original question to enter the answer given in the explanation. If you do this, ALEKS will treat the answer as correct but will NOT credit the answer toward your mastery of the topic. In other words, using this shortcut will not only prevent you from adding mastered topics to your pie, but it will also waste your time.

Tutorial

After Registration you will take a brief Tutorial, or introduction to the ALEKS interface. It shows you how to enter the various kinds of answers that you may be asked to provide in ALEKS.

Assessment

Following the Tutorial, you will be assessed to determine the correct starting point for your work in the course – it should take no longer than an hour. **Do the initial assessment carefully and without looking at other materials. Through your answers** ALEKS will determine what you remember and what you need to review.

Assessments in ALEKS

There is no partial credit on assessments; take the time to be sure that you have entered your answer correctly. Enter only the final answer and have a pencil and scratch paper ready to use. **NEVER click the “I don’t know” button during any ALEKS assessment unless you really don’t have any idea of how to solve the problem.** Otherwise, ALEKS will think that you not only don’t know how to solve that specific problem, but also other related problems.

If you would like more information, talk to your math instructor.