

Placement Testing at Kodiak College



Testing appointments are booked on the Testing Center page on the Kodiak College website. Your appointment needs to be confirmed by the Test Center Administrator before your appointment time is secured. If you have questions, please contact the Test Center at 907-486-1232 or email the Test Center at uaa_koctesting@alaska.edu

ALEKS

The University of Alaska uses the ALEKS Placement, Preparation and Learning (PPL) system to help students determine what math course they will take when they begin college. The ALEKS program not only assesses your math level, but also creates a customized learning plan to improve your math skills. After taking the initial test, you will receive a report that shows your strengths and weakness and gives you the tools to remediate. After you pay the initial testing fee, you may retake the test up to four times in order to bring your score up. Access to the ALEKS PPL program is free.

It is important to remember that the fee includes up to a full year of access to the Math Placement package including:

- Initial Math Placement Test
- A six-week on-line preparation and learning module
- Up to four re-tests
- Students can take the placement test anytime of the year, from any computer that has internet access.

What you will need:

1. Your student ID number. If you do not have a student account with the University of Alaska, contact Kodiak College Student Services at (907) 486-1266 or studentservices@koc.alaska.edu or 103 Campus Center at Kodiak College.
2. Your username and password to access Blackboard. If you need assistance accessing your Blackboard account call the UAA Call Center at 877-633-3888 or come to the Computer Lab at 102 Campus Center at Kodiak College.
3. Scratch paper and a pencil.
4. 2-3 hours to complete the assessment. It may take longer for higher level courses.

General instructions

- At the beginning of the Math Placement Test, you will go through a brief tutorial about the system and interface. You will be shown how to enter different types of answers, how to use the ALEKS calculator, and how to graph something by hand.
- Do not use a textbook or calculator - the assessment has a built-in calculator which is available on certain questions.
- Enter your answers carefully. *Once you submit your response to a question, you cannot return to that question to change the answer.*
- Select "I don't know" *only* if you have no idea how to work a problem. If you select "I don't know" repeatedly, it will lower your score on the assessment.
- Solve all problems on the Math Placement Test without assistance. Do not use any books or online resources, or ask for assistance from any other person. As an admitted student, you are a full member of the University of Alaska academic community and subject to the responsibilities of that community. If you violate University regulations, you are open to disciplinary action by the University.
- If your computer locks up or freezes during the middle of the assessment, refresh the page in your browser. If that does not work, close your browser and log back in. The work you have already submitted will be saved and the assessment will pick up at the point you left off.
- Once you begin the placement test you must complete it within 72 hours or you will have to start over.

ACCUPLACER

The University of Alaska uses the Accuplacer test to help students determine what writing course they will take when they begin college. Writing placement is determined by the combination of a student's score on both a reading comprehension and sentence skills (grammar) test. Each test is 30 questions and although they are untimed, most students will complete the tests in about an hour or less.

What should I do BEFORE I take an Accuplacer test?

- Brush up on your reading and grammar skills
- Use the free Accuplacer Study App to review sample test questions
- Look at the review questions available on an Accuplacer Practice Test website for more examples of test questions
- Visit the Learning Center for assistance, if needed
- Create a student account with the University of Alaska if you do not already have one
- Make an appointment online at the [Test Center website](#) to take the Accuplacer
- Pay \$18 testing fee to the Business Office at Kodiak College

What should I do AFTER I take the Accuplacer?

- Contact your academic advisor or Student Services for an appointment to go over your test results
- Consult the Accuplacer Advising Sheet handout to find out which writing courses you are qualified to take
- Review Degree Works for your program requirements
- Look at the class schedule in UAOnline to determine your schedule

The Learning And Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI)

The Learning & Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI) is a self-assessment that shows how a student views her or himself as a strategic learner. This is 10 scale, 60 item assessment that looks at the three components of strategic learning: skill, will, and self-regulation.

- Skill - information processing, selecting main ideas and testing strategies
- Will - attitude, motivation and anxiety
- Self-regulation - concentration, time management, self-testing and using academic resources

Academic advisors at Kodiak College use the LASSI to improve the quality of advising and placement for new students by discussing the how the non-cognitive factors and habits of mind that are measured on relate to success in college. Students who score lower than desirable on the LASSI will be encouraged to take a college success course, participate in Student Coaching, and/or take advantage of other support services that are available. The LASSI is free and it is administered to Kodiak College students when they take the Accuplacer.