

READ BEFORE TAKING THE UA ALEKS PPL TEST

The math placement test is designed to give students an appropriate starting math course at UA, regardless of a student's background. You should take this seriously, make an honest attempt, but also try to maximize your score. There is NO PRACTICE test, but you should review before testing. To see what score you need for a UA math course, go to <http://math.arizona.edu/academics/placement#courses>.

- 1. ALEKS PPL is a 60-90 minute test, but students can take up to 3 hours. You must complete the test in one sitting. The time starts when you begin the first problem.**
- 2. Review before you take the exam.** Go to <http://math.arizona.edu/academics/placement/review.html>. There is no practice *test*, but you can practice.
- 3. It is your responsibility to make sure you are using an approved calculator on the test. A TI-83 or 84 is recommended. If you have a different calculator, you need to check here to make sure it is allowed:** <http://tiny.cc/calculators>. Calculator models that use symbolic manipulation are not allowed, and the use of such a calculator will result in a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and an invalidated test score.
- 4. Complete all of the problems.** You cannot skip questions. The problems must be done in order. The “I don’t know” answer should only be used if you have never seen that particular type of problem. **Do not use the forward and backward arrows on your browser.** They will not work.
- 5. Have plenty of paper available to completely work out every problem.** You are more prone to make mistakes if you do not write out your work completely, clearly, and legibly.
- 6. What internet Browser do I use? MAC – Safari 9+, Chrome 30+, or Firefox 25+
PC- Chrome 30+, Explorer 11+, Firefox 25+**
- 7. If you are visually impaired and need screen reading technology, do not test through your Next Steps Center.** Email placement@math.arizona.edu for access to a test that will work with screen reading technology.
- 8. Test through Examyty, our online proctoring service.** You need access to a webcam with a microphone. You will also need high speed internet. The link to access Examyty is in your Next Steps Center. **You can test right away (ON Demand) or by scheduling an appointment 24 hours in advance. Note that your entire proctoring session will be recorded and reviewed.** Test scores are not finalized until the video of the exam has been reviewed, even if the score is already processed into the UA system. Any suspicious behavior during the test is recorded and will be reported to the University of Arizona Dean of Students as a violation of the UA Code of Conduct. This will result in an invalidated test score.
- 9. Connect to the internet with an ethernet cord, if possible.** Do not rely on wi-fi as internet speed is variable over wi-fi, especially in apartments and houses that also stream movies and video games. Hardwire to the internet.
- 10. If you have technical difficulties during the exam, begin a live chat with an Examyty proctor through the Examyty dashboard** (available throughout your testing session). If you are disconnected from the proctor and/or the exam, begin a live chat with Examyty to resume your testing session. If you are completely disconnected from the internet, then as soon as you can, log back into NextSteps, click the Examyty link, and initiate a Live Chat to resume your exam. The clock is still ticking on your exam, so act quickly.
- 11. You can view your score and corresponding course placement within 24 hours through your Next Steps Center.**
- 12. If you are not able to test using Examyty due to internet issues, or no webcam with a microphone, contact placement@math.arizona.edu.**
- 13. There are fees for testing (except for UAO students). The first test for incoming freshman and international students is paid for through the enrollment fee as long as the test is taken prior to the start of your first semester. All other students (transfer, nds, graduate, re-admit, etc.) pay a \$26 fee for testing. There is a \$26 retesting fee.**