

INFORMATION FOR PLACEMENT TESTS

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) requires students to complete placement tests prior to enrolling in certain classes. AMCS applicants MUST complete the ALEKS math placement test and complete a Writing Sample or Accuplacer test for reading and writing placement.

AMCS applicants need to register for the ALEKS test and the Writing Sample, as they will be administered and proctored by an ASD or UAA staff member.

There is no cost to take the placement tests. However, you can only complete these tests if you have your UAA ID number. After applying, if you do not have your UAA ID number after five business days, please contact the UAA Middle College Office at uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu.

Note: If you're having issues with the login process, call UAA IT Services @ 786-4646.

ALEKS

UAA uses ALEKS to assess your mathematical skills. The ALEKS test must be completed within a three-hour time limit. Once the exam is complete, ALEKS presents you with review modules based on the questions missed. Students can go through these modules and retake the test up to four times if needed.

Study Materials

Before taking the ALEKS, you should review the concepts below. Here are some study sites:

Math Help: <https://www.mathhelp.com/aleks-math-test-prep/>

Study for ALEKS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbXfSOQt-4>

Math.com: <http://www.math.com/>

Concepts covered in ALEKS: Depending on what math class you are completing this semester; you may not have learned some of the concepts.

- Real Numbers and Integers
- Proportions, Ratios, and Percent
- Algebraic Expressions
- Equations and Inequalities
- Linear Functions
- Exponents
- Polynomials
- Functions Operations
- [Quadratic Functions](#)
- Radical Expressions
- Geometry and Solid Figures
- Statistics and Probability
- [Complex Numbers](#)
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Trigonometric Functions

Register and Take the Test

You selected a date and time to complete the ALEKS test. Make sure you bring the following to test:

- UAA ID number
- Name the last math course you **COMPLETED**, not what you are currently enrolled in
- Photo ID
- Paper and pencil (no calculator)
- Face Mask

Vow of Integrity

You will be required agree to the following:

NO OUTSIDE HELP as you take the ALEKS! All you need is pencil/pen & scratch paper...the test will provide a calculator if/when necessary. No clicking outside of ALEKS while testing to Google questions. No books. Just use what you know, because you want place in a Math course that you can complete successfully.

Please note all discrepancies will be addressed.

Score

You need a score of 30 or higher to place in a college-level math class. Remember, the learning modules are there for your benefit and will reinforce the concepts specific to areas where ALEKS determines you could use some extra support.

Report your score to the protector before leaving the test site.

Writing Sample

A Writing Sample is one measure for writing placement at UAA. Writing samples can provide a more accurate assessment of a student's writing ability than a standardized test.

Middle College advisors are offering virtual Writing Samples for AMCS applicants. In the virtual writing sample, you will be given a reading and then asked to answer two prompts. The UAA faculty will review your responses and will place you into the writing course that is the best fit.

Once we receive the outcome for your writing sample, we will add your score to the AMCS applicant spreadsheet and reach out to you.

[Sign up for the Writing Sample](#) and select the time/day that works best for you. If none of the Writing Sample options work, please schedule to take the Accuplacer test for writing placement.

Accuplacer

The Accuplacer is a computer-based test used by UAA to determine placement into writing courses. The placement test contains two parts, reading comprehension and sentence structure.

- **Reading Comprehension** will assess your ability to derive the meaning of words and phrases in different types of texts (i.e., passages from literature, non-fiction, history, careers, social studies, humanities, and science). After reading these sample texts, you will answer a series of multiple-choice questions.
- **Sentence Skills** will assess your ability to revise and edit a passage for effective expression of ideas while adhering to standard spelling and grammar rules. Excerpts are from similar sources as the Reading Comprehension section.

Study Materials

Here are two study guides that shows how Accuplacer will present the passages and questions. The document also provides answers with explanations. The following links are to websites that offer additional sample Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills practice tests:

- Accuplacer Study APP!
<https://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org/login?affiliateId=accu%7Chome&bannerId=hit%7Caccuprac-app>
- <https://www.test-guide.com/free-accuplacer-practice-tests.html>
- <https://www.accuplacerpracticetest.com/>

Register and Take the Accuplacer Test

Make an appointment to take the test today. UAA Testing Center's testing calendar is filling up. Also, please consider taking the test at UAA Testing Center (in person) due to the remote testing software experiencing technical difficulties that delay the completion of the test.

You are required to wear a face mask and present a government issue picture ID before entering the testing area.

- Register now, <https://www.registerblast.com/uaa/Exam/List>.
 - Select the following for **Location: Alaska Middle College**, then **Group: Placement Test**, and then **Exam: Placement Exam**, in each section to sign up without cost.
- UAA Testing Center website, <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/testing/index.cshtml> .

Score

A score of 530 or higher will qualify you for college writing. If you take the Accuplacer for writing placement, email your score to the AMCS coordinator once you have tested.