Placement Test for Mathematics: Required Scores

Cal U Mathematics Placement Assessment – ALEKS

Beginning fall 2022, Penn West Cal U will use ALEKS, a web-based program that uses artificial intelligence to map a student's strengths and weaknesses in mathematics.

The ALEKS system will help ensure that students are adequately prepared for their first mathematics course in college. It is important for students to begin in the mathematics course that is most likely to lead to success, and ALEKS is the tool that Penn West uses to determine the appropriate course.

ALEKS offers students the opportunity to develop their mathematics skills by working through learning modules that are provided online and free of charge. There will be up to 30 questions and students will spend an average of 90-120 minutes to complete the assessment. Students who do not achieve their desired placement the first time can re-retake the test after a minimum of 3 hours working through the learning modules.

Math requirement(s) are dependent upon major and eligibility can be determined by SAT/ACT scores, AP, transfer credits or placement test scores. Please see the chart below for any of the minimum scores required for the Mathematics courses.

Cal U Math Course	Math SAT (as of March	Math ACT	Minimum Score on MyMathTest (prior to summer 2022)				Minimum Score on ALEKS placement test (as of summer
	2016)		Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D	2022)
DMA 092	480	18	11				30
MAT 100, 110, 120, 130	480	18	11				30
MAT 181, 215, 225	550	22	11	12			46
MAT 191, 195, 272, 273 & BUS 281	600	25	11	12	10		55
MAT 199	660	28	11	12	10	7-9	61
MAT 281	730	31	11	12	10	10	76

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