

Digital Teacher & Student Guide

Use this ALEKS digital guide if you have:

Tools Tutorial

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Knowledge Check

2. Upon completion of the Tools Tutorial, students should click **Continue**, which will redirect them to the **Initial Knowledge Check** screen. Click **Start Knowledge Check** to begin.

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The Initial Knowledge Check identifies:

Class topics mastered.

Class topics not mastered.

Class topics ready to be learned.

3. A progress bar on the top right of the screen displays progress through the knowledge check.

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4. Upon completion, the **Initial Knowledge Check** provides an *ALEKS* **Pie** that depicts the Knowledge State. Click the **Continue** button located below the graphic to navigate to the student's homepage.



5. The student's homepage displays the *ALEKS* **Pie** from the **Initial Knowledge Check**. Clicking a slice of the *ALEKS* **Pie** provides information on topics mastered, learned, and remaining in that slice.



Individualized Learning Path | Pei

6. Upon completion of the Initial Knowledge Check, each s Path on their personal homepage. Click the toggle switch from the student's Timeline to their ALEKS Pie chart.



Personal Homepage Navigation and Information Features:

- 1. Menu Accesses ALEKS features.
- ALEKS Logo Returns to student homepage from any page in the student module.
- **3.** Class Name Display Displays class the student is enrolled in.
- 4. Progress Bar Displays topics mastered, learned, and remaining in real-time.
- 5. Notifications Provides real-time alerts such as new assignments, messages, Knowledge Checks, etc.
- **6.** Account Settings Displays student's account settings.
- 7. Next Knowledge Check Indicator Displays when the next Knowledge Check will occur.

- 8. Timeline/ALEKS Pie Chart Students can toggle between viewing their Learning Mode progress (depicted on the Timeline), or the ALEKS Pie to view their progress within each slice. The toggle that is selected will be the default view on the homepage.
- **9. Primary Guidance** Contains learning path guidance, topics students can work on, what's coming up, and goals and deadlines.
- **10.** Timeline Marker Shows student's progress on the timeline.
- **11.** Assignments Displays assignments, and where they start and end.
- **12.** Calendar Calendar view of assignments.
- **13.** Timeline Detail Student's timeline that can be filtered by week, month, or day.

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11. Click on the hamburger menu on the top right of the **Primary Guidance Menu** to open the **Navigation Menu**.



12. The Navigation Menu

Practice Page

- **13.** Clicking **Start My Path** or **Continue My Path** in the **Primary Guidance Menu** accesses a **Learning Mode Practice Page**.
- **14.** The **Practice Page** helps the student learn the topic being studied, and has a number of features:

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- 1. Home Click to navigate to the homepage.
- **6.** Progress Indicator Displays student's progress on answering problems.
- 2. Slice Name Name of the slice on the *ALEKS* Pie Chart.
- **3.** Topic Name Name of the topic that the student is learning.
- 4. Topic Carousel Tab Click to open or close the Topic Carousel that displays topics the student can work on.
- 5. Underlined Mathematical Terms These items link to a dictionary definition of the term.



- **15.** After an answer is entered in the space provided on the **Practice Page**, click the **Check** button located at the bottom of the screen.
 - **a.** "Correct" will display if the answer is correct. Click Next to start a new problem.
 - b. If the answer is incorrect, an opportunity is provided to correct the answer by clicking the Try Again button.

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16. For detailed information on how to solve the problem, students can click the



Tracking Levels of Learning

17. The Progress Indicator



24. The **Topic Carousel** is an important resource that can be accessed from a **Practice Page**. The **Topic Carousel** lists topics that students are ready to learn. Topics are sorted by degree of di culty or complexity. The topics with the highest probability for successful learning are listed first.

To access the **Topic Carousel**, click the "down arrow" tab located under the title of the topic in the upper left-hand corner of the **Practice Page**.







25. Topic Carousel features include:

- 1. Home Click to navigate to the homepage.
- Ready to Learn/Objectives Drop-Down Menu – Displays progress in Ready to Learn pie slices or Objectives.
- Slice Name Name of the slice on the ALEKS Pie Chart.
- 4. Progress Indicator Displays student's progress on answering problems.
- 5. Topic Name Name of the topic that the student is learning
- 6. Topic lcons Click to display "topic icons" and information about each icon.

- 7. Tags Displays applicable attributes of a topic, such as videos, instructor resources, needs more practice, goal topic, etc.
- 8. Topic Carousel Tab Click to open or close the Topic Carousel that displays topics the student can work on.
- 9. Number of Topics Displays the number of topics in the Topic Carousel.
- **10.** Topic Carousel Filter Allows students to sort or filter the Topic Carousel.
- 11. Right Arrow Click to scroll through topics at a time.
- 12. Scroll Use to scroll quickly through topics.

Reviewing Topics and Worksheets

26. Students wishing to review topics they've mastered can open the Filter dropdown menu in the Topic Carousel and select Review.



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27. Students can click the **Worksheet** button in the upper left of the **Main Navigation Menu** to generate a printable homework sheet with questions based on their most recent work in *ALEKS*.

Assignments

28. Students can start or continue instructor-created assignments (homework, tests, quizzes, requested Knowledge Checks, etc.) as they appear on the Primary Guidance Menu.



29. When a student begins an assignment, an introduction provides due dates, the number of attempts possible, the number of questions, and time allotted for the assignment.

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30. Assignments can be password protected, requiring the student to enter the password.



- **31.** After submitting an assignment, students may have access to topics if the teacher has provided access.
- **32.** Students can also view all current, upcoming, and past assignments by selecting the **Navigation Menu** in the upper-left corner, and then clicking **Assignments**.

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33. In addition to assignments, students can find instructor-assigned worksheets by selecting the **Navigation Menu** in the upper-left corner and clicking **Worksheet**.



Assessments

- **34.** Student assessments are provided throughout *ALEKS*.
- **35.** The **Initial Knowledge Check** takes place after students log in and complete the **Tools Tutorial**. The **Initial Knowledge Check** measures each student's topic knowledge and mastery.



Instructor Module

- **40.** The *ALEKS* **Instructor Module** provides access to classes or students for simple class management and teaching options. The Initial Knowledge Check takes place after students log in and complete the Tools Tutorial. The Initial Knowledge Check measures each student's topic knowledge and mastery of the course topics.
 - a. To open the Class Dashboard or the Student Dashboard, select the appropriate tab (Class or Student tab) on the Main Navigation Menu. Then click on the class or student you'd like to review.

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- **b.** Each dashboard includes sub-categories with important data, such as:
 - i. Class Information
 - ii. ALEKS Pie Report
 - iii. Time and Topic Learning Mode
 - iv. Students Not Recently Logged In
 - v. Progress Overall
 - vi. Overall Grades

(Additional dashboard items can be viewed by clicking the navigational arrow button to the right or left of the dashboard.)



Reports

41. Click **Reports** to view automated reports for individual students and class data:

a. ALEKS Pie

Shows topics students have mastered, are ready to learn, have regressed in according to the Knowledge Check, or have attempted but not mastered.

b. Progress

View student progress on Knowledge Checks and in Learning Mode. Allows instructors to monitor progress and provide intervention when it's needed most.

C. Time and Topic

View the amount of time spent by each student in *ALEKS* daily and topics attempted and mastered each day.

d. Knowledge Per Slice

Shows either the class or individual student's level of mastery for each *ALEKS* pie slice.

e. Assignments

Displays ai Knowledge Check, or have attempted pie slice.



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43. Insight Overview

ALEKS **Insights** provides information on students who might be at risk of falling behind and may require immediate action from the teacher. A notification appears on the instructor dashboard upon login when new student insights are available. New student insight messages, along with a summary of the new insights, also appear in the *ALEKS* Message Center.

To access Insights:

From the homepage of the administrator account, move the cursor over

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Creating Assignments

45. Click on + New Assignment button in the toolbar and select the type of assignment you want to create.

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- Create Homework, Tests, and Quizzes (Similar process)
 Click New Homework, New Test, or New Quiz and fill out the following:
 - 1. Name & Date Name the item and specify the date it's available.
 - 2. Content Add content.
 - 3. Gradebook Settings Specify when students can see their grades, or if multiple attempts are permitted for completing the item.
 - 4. Advanced Options Control student access to the item.
- b. Create a Scheduled Assessment Click New Scheduled Assessment and fill out the following:
 - Name & Date Name the item and specify the date it's available. This section also includes Assessment Type, where you will select either Progress Assessment or Comprehensive Assessment. Progress Assessments are shorter and focus on students' recent learning. Comprehensive Assessments are longer and look at students' overall knowledge of class content.
 - 2. Advanced Options Control student access to the assessment.
 - **3. Grading Scale -** Specify the grading scale for the assessment.



Need More ALEKS Information or Training?

- **46.** Have questions? Need more info? Explore these Student, Teacher, and Administrator *ALEKS* training resources:
 - Teacher/Administrator Basic Session Register Now
 This complimentary one-hour session provides an overview, reviews best practices, and answers any questions about the program. Participants will explore *ALEKS* as both a teacher and a student.
 - b. Teacher/Administrator Advanced Session Register Now Complimentary one-hour session provides an overview of advanced features, including reports, creating assignments, and using data to drive instruction.
 - C. At-A-Glance Task Guide

Step-by-step instructions on how to find and perform commonly used tasks within the Instructor Module.

d. On-Demand Videos and Tutorials

Videos and printable tutorials on how to use a number of popular *ALEKS* features are available on the *ALEKS* Training and Resources For K-12 Educators webpage.

STUDENTS

Student Registration Instructions for ALEKS®

Note: These instructions are for students registering through aleks.com

Step 1:

Navigate to aleks.com and click Sign Up Now.

Step 3:

Verify that your enrollment information is correct.

Information is correct:

Click **Confirm** at the bottom of the screen.

Information is not correct:

Check the class code. If code is incorrect, click **Cancel** at the bottom of the screen to return to Step 1.

Step 2:

Enter your class code:

Class	Code

Click Continue.







Step 4:

Select the radio button option that applies to you.



Click **Continue** at the bottom of the screen.

Step 5:

If you selected "No, I have never used *ALEKS* before." You'll be asked to enter your personal information.

Note: Your first and last name are required. Your email address isn't required, but is necessary if you need to retrieve your login name and password (passwords are reset via email).

STUDENTS

Student Login Instructions for ALEKS®

Note: These instructions are for students logging in through my.mheducation.com

Step 1:

Navigate to my.mheducation.com.

Enter your Username and Password in the required fields.

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Click Log In.

Username or Email

Step 2:

Locate ALEKS in **My Programs** (scroll through programs or enter "ALEKS" in the search field).

Click Launch to access ALEKS.

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Next Steps

- Log in to ALEKS using your login name and password
- Take the Guided Tour
- Complete the Tools Tutorial
- Take an Initial Knowledge Check
- Enhance your learning with your Personalized
 Learning Path

Enjoy your learning journey with ALEKS!



