

Welcome to ALEKS

SDSU is using an online tool called **ALEKS PPL** (preparation, placement and learning) for placement into Math 150, Calculus 1 and Math 124 Calculus for Life Sciences. ALEKS has proven itself a successful placement tool at many universities. It also offers students a platform for reviewing precalculus topics and multiple opportunities for taking assessments.

For \$25 you will get an individual ALEKS PPL account with a 6 month license. Once enrolled in ALEKS you will be able to take up to 5 assessments. You will also have unlimited use of the ALEKS PPL learning modules. Here are the steps to take.

(0) Go to http://www.aleks.com/sign_up/class?class_code=YWLJX-L3C6Y and follow the steps to create an account.

- (1) Take an initial assessment. ALEKS will display a chart showing your strengths and weaknesses.
- (2) Use the learning modules to strengthen your understanding of challenging topics.
- (3) Take a second assessment. ALEKS will update the chart showing your strengths and weaknesses.
- (4) Use the learning modules again as needed.
- (5) Take your third assessment at the SDSU testing office in a proctored setting.

If you score 78 or better on the third assessment, the block on your ability to enroll in Math 150 will automatically be removed within 24 hours.

If you do not receive a passing score, follow steps (6)-(9)

- (6) Use the learning modules as needed.
- (7) Take a fourth assessment.
- (8) Use the learning modules as needed.
- (9) Take your fifth assessment at the SDSU testing office in a proctored setting.

If you score 78 or better on the third (or fifth) assessment, the block on your ability to enroll in Math 150 will automatically be removed within 24 hours. Similarly, if you score 72 or better the block on enrolling in Math 124 is removed.

You must register with the SDSU Testing Office to take the proctored tests, and each costs \$20. Please note that only the third and (if necessary) the fifth assessments are taken in a proctored environment. Only these scores are used to remove the block on enrolling in Math 124 or Math 150. The other assessments give you the opportunity to understand your strengths and weaknesses, so that you can review topics as needed.

For more information about ALEKS see <http://www.aleks.com/highered/math/ppl>