Mc Graw Hill Education

ALEKS®

Student Orientation

Agenda

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What is ALEKS?

Hello and Welcome!

This brief walkthrough is designed to help you become familiar with the ALEKS program and how it will be used in this class. It will also direct you where to go for help.

You will have regular, required assignments in ALEKS, and you can expect to spend several hours a week working on them. Just how much time you have to spend in the program will depend on how efficiently you use the ALEKS system.

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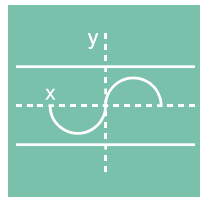
What is ALEKS?

ALEKS stands for **A**ssessment and **Le**arning in **K**nowledge **S**paces. It is an individualized, adaptive learning tool that is unlike any other online program available today. Think of it as a human tutor designed to help you learn math.

ALEKS uses artificial intelligence to determine what you know, what you don't know, and what you are **most ready to learn**. ALEKS then creates a personalized learning plan that gets you to the finish line in the best possible way.

To make sure that you remember what you learn, ALEKS will check your knowledge. These Knowledge Checks are designed to *help* you, so take them seriously! Treat ALEKS well and it will treat you well.
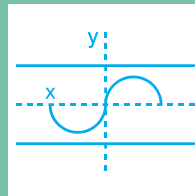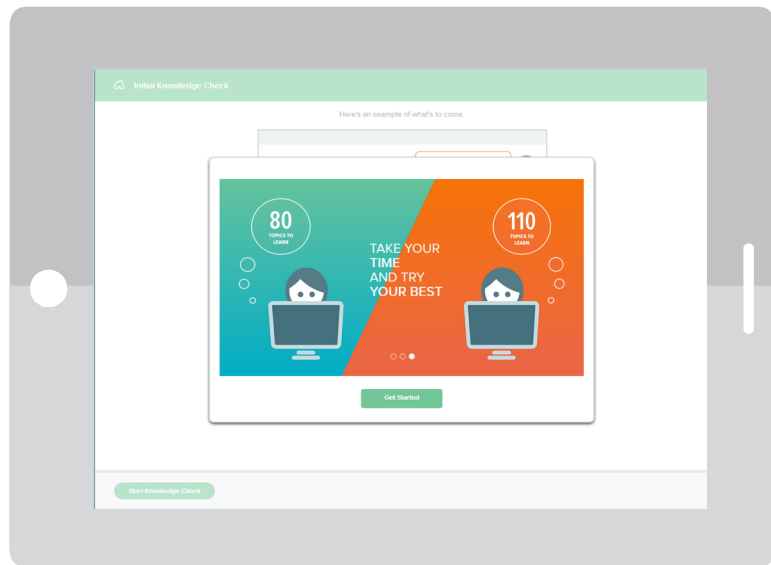
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Getting Started

Navigating Your ALEKS Account

Click on the Menu icon in the top, left corner to access your Calendar, Gradebook, Reports, eBook, and more. You can even order a loose-leaf copy of your eBook at a significant discount!

Be sure to check out the ALEKS reports. They will help you track your time and progress, and to focus on how to get ahead.

Getting Started

Once you register, you will take a brief tutorial on how to use the system. Next, you will complete an **Initial Knowledge Check**. It's purpose is to figure out what you know and don't know, so that you can begin with material you are ready to learn.

Take the ALEKS Knowledge Checks honestly and seriously so that the system can accurately measure your knowledge of course material. If you don't, you will only be giving yourself more work!
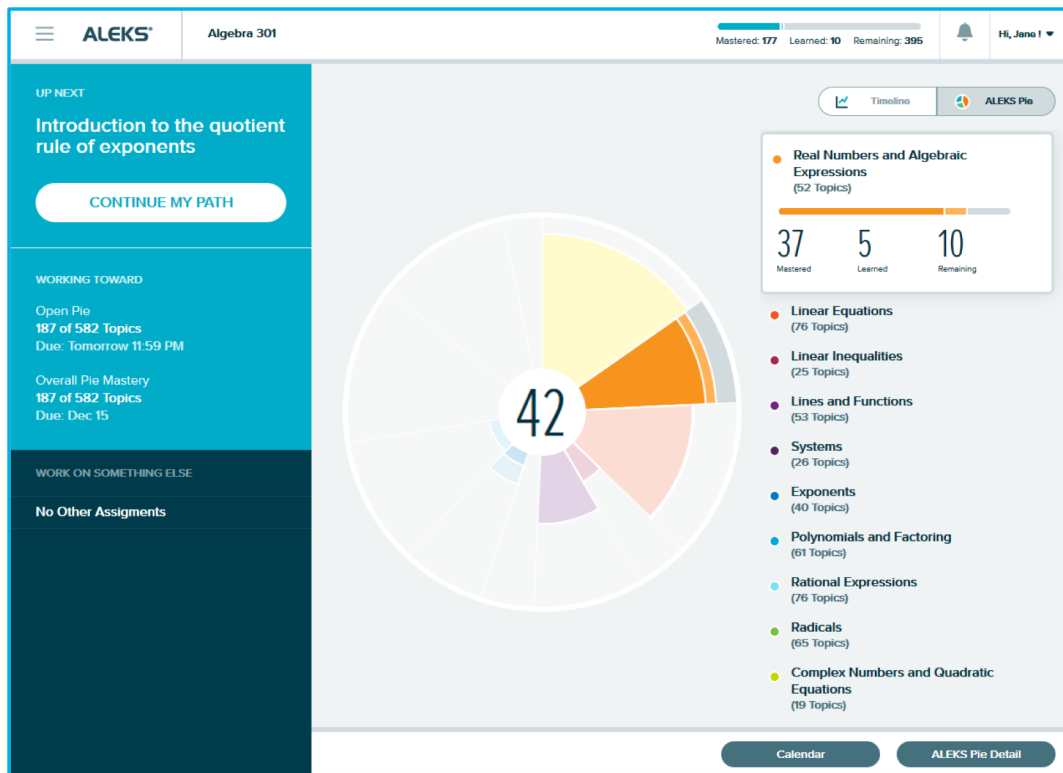
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After you finish the Initial Knowledge Check, you will see your ALEKS Pie. This represents your current knowledge of the course. Notice that ALEKS gave you credit for some topics you already know!

Each Pie Slice has three sections:
Dark = topics mastered on a Knowledge Check
Light = topics learned in Learning Mode
Grey = Topics not learned or mastered

Click on **CONTINUE MY PATH** to begin learning.

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Learning in ALEKS

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Once you are in Learning Mode, you will see a Lesson Page for the first topic. Read the lesson and click on **Practice** to complete the problems.

Use the resources in ALEKS to help you learn the topic. The resources are located on the right side of each Lesson Page and practice problem as icons.

The gauge in the top, right corner tracks how many correct problems you need to finish learning the topic.
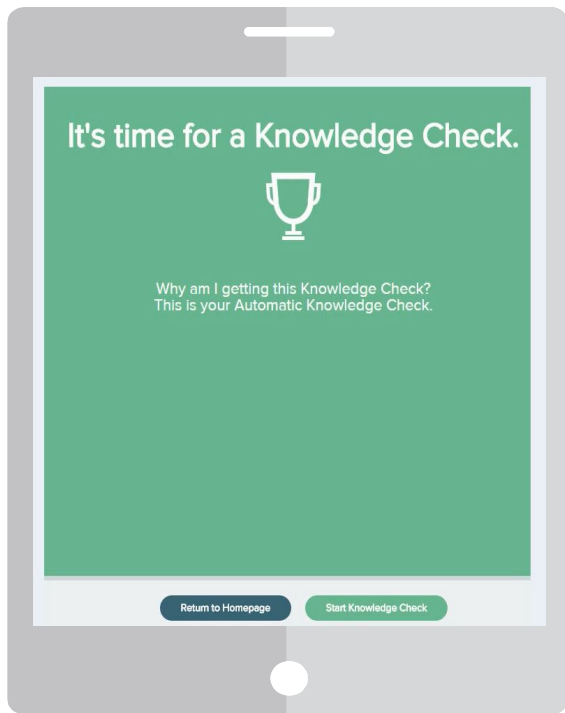
Learning in ALEKS

If you want to work on another topic, open the Topic Carousel by clicking on the blue arrow in the top, left corner.

The topics that appear in the carousel are ones that you are ready to learn. Select the one you want to work on and it will switch over to the Lesson Page and practice problems for that topic.

You can filter which topics appear in the carousel by using the Filters menu in the top, right corner.

Knowledge Checks in ALEKS

It's time for a Knowledge Check.

Why am I getting this Knowledge Check?
This is your Automatic Knowledge Check.

Return to Homepage   Start Knowledge Check

Every now and then, ALEKS will check to see if you remember what you are learning by giving you a Knowledge Check.

These knowledge checks are met to figure out what you remember and what you need to review again. They will appear periodically throughout your learning based on how your instructor setup the course.

If you take them seriously and honestly, they will work to your advantage!

The ALEKS Timeline
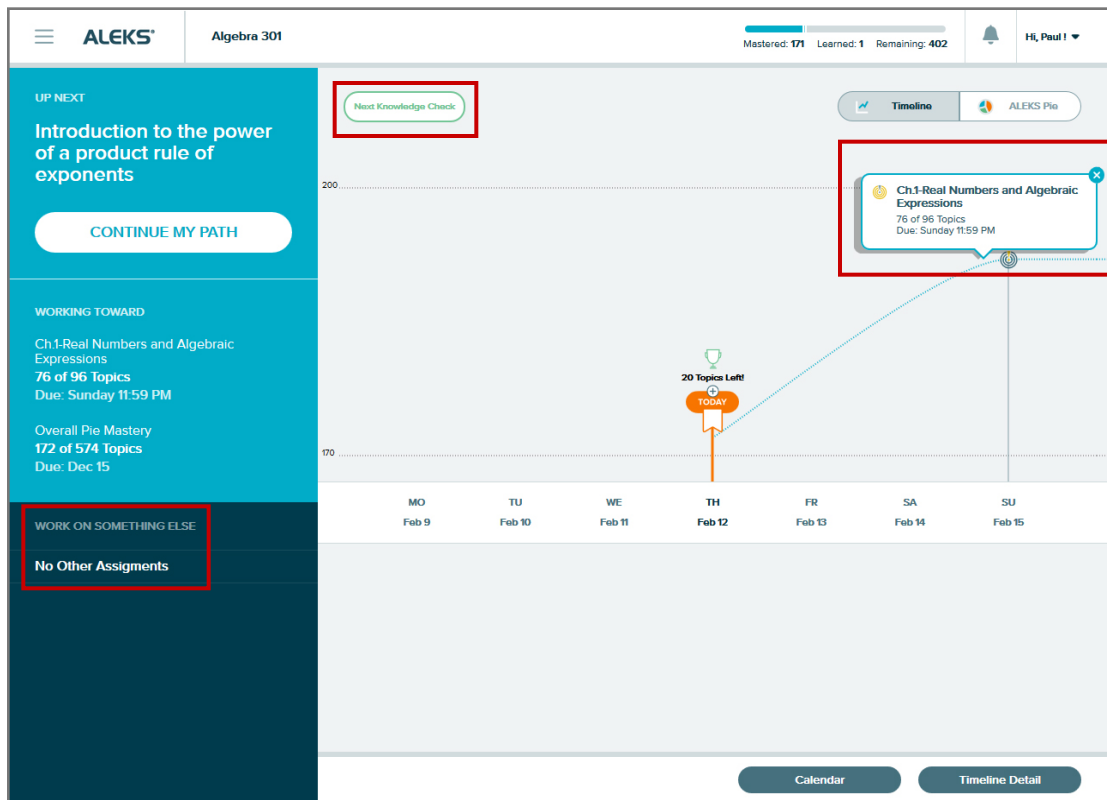
The ALEKS Timeline tracks your weekly progress to help you manage your study time. It show you how much you have left to do in order to finish your assignment on time.

Click on **Next Knowledge Check** to see when your next one will occur. You can delay a Knowledge Check for up to 24 hours.

Your instructor may have extra assignments. You can access these in the **Work on Something Else** Menu.

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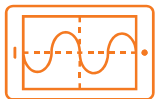
Don't procrastinate!

Don't wait until the last minute to meet a deadline – it will be harder to catch up and you will end up having to do more work.

Log in every day.

Be sure to log in every day. Doing some everyday will get you to the finish line faster than trying to cram.

Take them seriously and honestly!

Do your best without the help of outside resources. Your results on each Knowledge Check will affect your pie.

Key Tips to Success

How to Get Help	Resources	Know ALEKS

ALEKS Support can help.

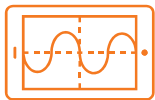Think ALEKS made a mistake? Contact ALEKS Customer Support through your ALEKS Inbox for a quick response.

Use the ALEKS resources.

The resources in ALEKS, like the eBook, exist to help you learn and prepare for your exams. Use them!

ALEKS is more than homework.

Understanding how ALEKS works is your biggest advantage. Using it the way it was intended will help you reach your goals faster.
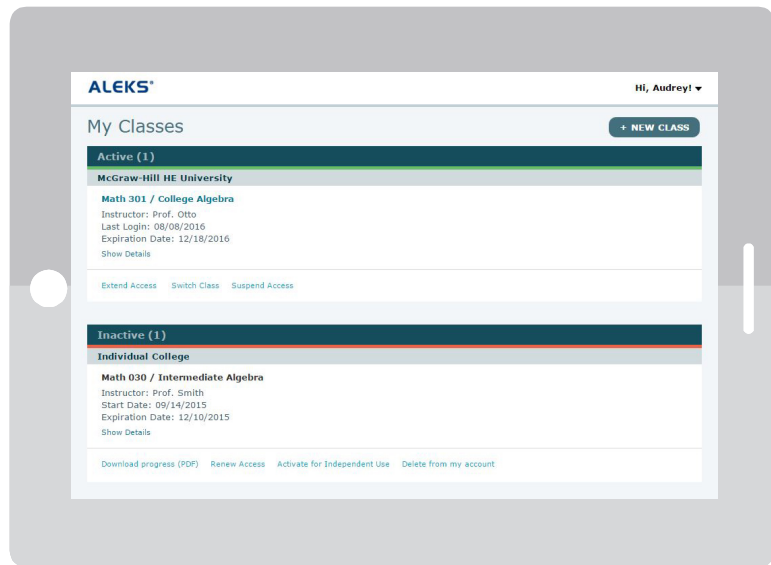
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Resources

Managing Your ALEKS Account Home

Manage all of your ALEKS classes with one login through your **Student Account Home.**

You can change your account settings, sign up for new classes, buy extra time, and view previous classes.

To get to your Account Home from within a class, open the menu icon in the top, left corner and select **Manage My Classes** from the menu.

Help and Resources

Find Helpful Resources, such as printable tutorials and how-to videos, created just for students: www.aleks.com/highered/math/student_resources

Contact ALEKS Technical Support:

- Email: http://support.aleks.com

- Phone: (800) 258-2374

- Hours (Eastern Time):

    Monday through Thursday, 7am – 1am
    Friday, 7am – 9pm
    Sunday, 4pm – 1am