

Best Practices for Pacing and Progress

ALEKS Training Series

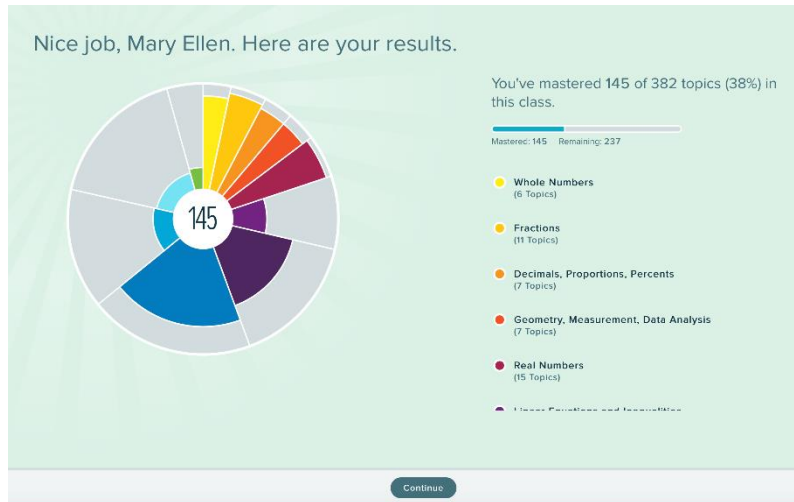
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The ALEKS Pie

ALEKS Initial Knowledge Check results show:

- Every student's pie is unique
- What topics students already know
- Students will not have to re-learn topics they already know in ALEKS. They start where they are ready to learn.



Here are 4 Strategies to Keep Students on Pace

Strategy 1: Set a Proper Pace

Choose a realistic quantity of topics that students are able to successfully complete within your course format.

A student might see learning 15 topics in ALEKS as an easy, quick assignment.

- ALEKS requires students to answer 3-4 questions correctly per topic.
- 15 topics in ALEKS might actually be 60+ practice problems

Setting realistic goals is important.



Strategy 2: Use Objectives With Due Dates

Using Objective goals with due dates in ALEKS is recommended to keep students on task. These can be set for both math and chemistry objectives.

Math 55 - Objectives Editor

Instructor: Maurer
Name: Math 55
Course Product: Pre-Algebra
Start Date: 05/20/2019
End Date: 08/30/2019
Textbook: ALEKS Curriculum

Switch to Objectives without End Dates

Objective	Start Date	End Date	Post Objective Progress Assessment
Week 1 Edit (21 goal topics)	05/20/2019	05/26/2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 2 Edit (27 goal topics)	05/27/2019	06/02/2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 3 Edit (20 goal topics)	06/03/2019	06/09/2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 4 Edit (19 goal topics)	06/10/2019	06/16/2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 5 Edit (20 goal topics)	06/17/2019	06/23/2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

+ New Custom Objective

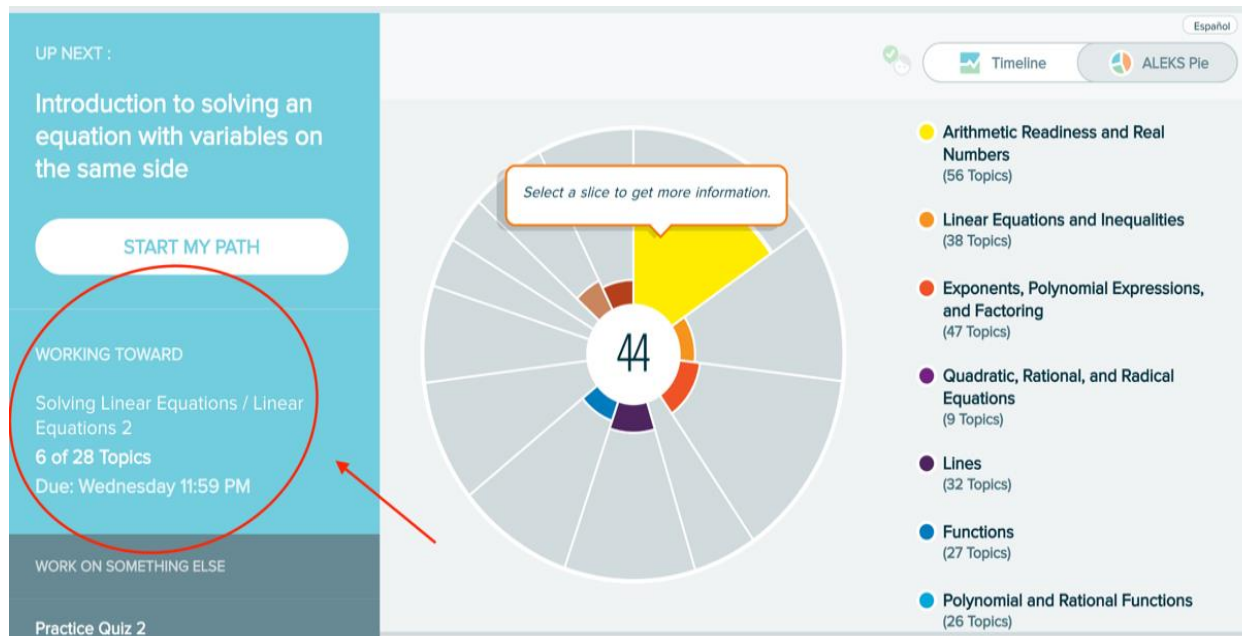
Instructor: Prof. St. John
Name: Chemistry 161
Course Product: General Chemistry (First Quarter)
Start Dates: 09/19/2016
End Date: 12/09/2016
Textbook: Chang et al.: Chemistry, 12th Ed. (McGraw-Hill Education) - ALEKS 360

Drag chapters and/or sections from Textbook Alignment to ALEKS Objectives folders. Students will be required to master all the topics in the ALEKS Objectives by the Due Dates. [Detailed Instructions](#)

Available Topics	ALEKS Objectives	Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Textbook Chapters open all / close allCh. 0-Math and PhysicsCh. 1-Chemistry: The Study of ChangeCh. 2-Atoms, Molecules, and IonsCh. 3-Mass Relationships in Chemical ReactionsCh. 4-Reactions in Aqueous SolutionsCh. 5-GasesCh. 6-ThermochemistryCh. 7-Quantum Theory and the Electronic Structure of AtomsCh. 8-Periodic Relationships Among the ElementsCh. 9-Chemical Bonding I: Basic ConceptsCh. 10-Chemical Bonding II: Molecular Geometry and Hybridization of ACh. 11-Intermolecular Forces and Liquids and SolidsCh. 12-Physical Properties of SolutionsCh. 13-Chemical KineticsCh. 14-Chemical EquilibriumCh. 15-Acids and BasesCh. 16-Acid-Base Equilibria and Solubility Equilibria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">open all / close allPrerequisite Review (31 topics)Ch. 0-Math and PhysicsCh. 1-Chemistry: The Study of ChangeChapter 1 (17 topics)Ch. 1-Chemistry: The Study of ChangeChapter 2 (20 topics)Ch. 2-Atoms, Molecules, and IonsChapter 3 (18 topics)Ch. 3-Mass Relationships in Chemical ReactionsChapter 4 (13 topics)Ch. 4-Reactions in Aqueous SolutionsChapter 7 (12 topics)Ch. 7-Quantum Theory and the Electronic Structure ofChapter 8 (6 topics)Ch. 7-Quantum Theory and the Electronic Structure of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">09/25/2016 11:59 pm10/02/2016 11:59 pm10/09/2016 11:59 pm10/18/2016 11:59 pm10/30/2016 11:59 pm11/06/2016 11:59 pm11/13/2016 11:59 pm11/13/2016 11:59 pm

Strategy 2: Topics

When a student logs in to ALEKS they will see how many topics they are expected to complete and the due date.





Strategy 3: Weekly Topic Goal Assignments

A weekly topic goal assignment sets expectations on how many topics a week need to be completed to be successful in the course. Go to **Assignments**>>click Manage Assignments>>Click **+New Assignment**>>Pick **Topic Goal** and select your options.

Type: One Time
 Recurring

Name:

Repeats:

Due on Day of the Week:

Start Date/Time:

Ends After: occurrences on
12/16/2019 at 11:59 pm

Topics Learned:

Award Points:

Strategy 4: Help Students Meet Their Weekly Goals

ALEKS can help students stay accountable through objective or topic goals.

- learning 15-20 topics in one week is challenging to complete in 1 day
- a few topics each day is more realistic and will lead the student to progress effectively.

Support and Resources

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MONDAY-THURSDAY: 7 AM – 1 AM EST

FRIDAY: 7 AM – 9 PM EST

SUNDAY: 4 PM – 1 AM EST

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