

ALEKS Communication

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED -- Lehigh fall calculus placement

Dear Student,

It's time to start thinking about your course registration! If you intend to enroll in a Calculus I course in the Fall 2026 semester, such as MATH 021, 081, 051, 061, or 075, you must complete the [ALEKS placement assessment](#) **unless** you have taken the AP Calculus AB or BC exam and anticipate a score of 4 or 5. Please complete this assessment by Friday, June 26 so we can ensure you are able to register for the appropriate calculus course in July.

You **do not** need to complete the ALEKS assessment if you don't plan to take a math course in Fall 2026, or if you plan to take a math course other than the ones listed above (such as MATH 001, 005, 012, 043, or a more advanced course like MATH 022, 023, 052).

ALEKS can be accessed directly at go.lehigh.edu/ALEKS

What is the ALEKS process?

You will be asked a few initial questions and then can attempt the assessment, which should take about 90 minutes. Your score will determine the best Calculus course based on your level of preparation and you are allowed up to 5 attempts at the assessment. ALEKS will offer review modules based on your assessment. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of these to be as ready as possible for your Math course in the Fall, even if you are placed in your class of choice. You will continue to have access to the review material throughout the Fall semester and should make use of this to review topics where you had difficulties. Please note that the ALEKS system will request a fee before allowing a student to proceed to the assessment. Students for whom the fee creates a financial barrier should contact the Lehigh University Office of Financial Aid to discuss options.

What do my ALEKS scores mean and how can I better prepare for Calculus in the fall?

Once you have completed the assessment and received a score, please refer to our [placement advice guide](#) for help in interpreting your score.

If you're recommended to take Math 001, Preparation for Calculus, you may want to consider enrolling in this course during the summer. Lehigh will be offering this course during the second summer session (July 6th through August 13), allowing you to stay on track in advance of arriving at Lehigh in the fall. Please note that the course does not satisfy your mathematics requirement, but counts in your GPA and as elective credit toward your degree. Tuition for this course is waived for students who have previously been determined to have financial need by the Financial Aid Office, which can be confirmed by reviewing the financial aid offer letter that

you received when you were admitted to Lehigh. Contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) if you have questions regarding your tuition eligibility. ***If you're interested in enrolling in MATH 001 this summer, please contact the [Mathematics Department](#) by June 26, 2026.***

For math advising questions, please [contact your college or program](#) or the [Mathematics Department](#). For technical issues with ALEKS, please contact the [ALEKS support team](#).

Sincerely,
The Office of the Registrar

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