

## Math Placement FAQs

### What is the Math Placement Assessment? Do I need to take the Math Placement Assessment?

The Math Placement Assessment is one tool the University of St. Thomas uses to identify which math course you are prepared to take. *Not all students need to take the math placement assessment.*

You only need to take the Math Placement Assessment if:

- You do not have an ACT/SAT score (submitted to the university within 2 years) that places you into a math course.
- You do not have transfer credits or AP Calculus scores that provide you with mathematics credit.

You are also welcome to take the Math Placement Assessment if you feel that your current placement does not reflect your mathematical ability and you wish to try for a higher placement.

### Do you need to make an appointment to take the Math Placement Assessment?

Nope! Once you know that you should take the math placement assessment, you'll be able to complete all the steps from your own home computer. ~~As soon as possible~~ ~~As soon as possible~~, and before your Orientation and Registration date. Students can take the assessment up to five times total, so if you do not achieve your desired score on your first attempt, you will have an opportunity to study and re-take the assessment.

### What can I do to prepare for the Math Placement Assessment?

You will need to make an ALEKS account and then set yourself up for success by taking the assessment at a time of day when you are most likely to be focused. Also be sure to use plenty of scratch paper! Other than that, we

### **Who should I contact if I have more questions?**

Arden Ashley-Wurtmann is the Math Placement Specialist, and she can help you with any questions you have about the process. You can email her at [ashl0004@stthomas.edu](mailto:ashl0004@stthomas.edu).