

# Spring 2016 – Math 1204 Online – ALEKS

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**Course Name:** College Algebra with Review Online (MATH 1204)

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**Required Materials:**

- ALEKS 18-month subscription. This can be bought at the University Bookstore or online.
- TI-84 or below (or similar calculator). The TI-84 is highly recommended.

**ALEKS Info:**

You can get into ALEKS through blackboard (learn.uark.edu). ALEKS is adaptive software that will allow your homework to be based off of what you know and what you need to learn. You will take assessments that will test you over homework topics you have learned. If you get a topic wrong on an adaptive assessment that you got right on the homework, you will have to do it again. If you get a topic right on an assessment that you haven't done on the homework, you will gain that topic on your homework pie.

**Calculators:**

Each student will need a calculator for objectives and test. You can borrow one from a friend if you would like, but you will need to get familiar enough with it for test. There are calculators provided in the testing center for assessments and exams. **TI-85 or higher calculators, laptops, cell phones, and other mobile devices are NOT acceptable calculators for test.**

**Grading:**

Pie Mastery	15%	Tests	30% (15% each)
Time	5%	Final Exam	25%
Discussion	8%	Written Exam	5%
Objectives	12%		

The final grade will be the weighted average of the above categories. Letter grades will follow a 90-80-70-60 scale. **There is no bonus, no rounding, and no curve in this course.** The grading scale is subject to change at the discretion of the course coordinator. **No consideration will be given for students who score below a 70% on the Final Exam.**

All items are subject to change. If changes are made, your instructor will notify via email, in-class, or on ALEKS.

**Discussion:**

*In this course, you are required to ask three questions a week. You can ask these questions by email or in the discussion board on ALEKS. For the first week, you can ask questions related to the syllabus or other information about the course. **After the first week, questions must be related to objective topics.** These questions are due each Friday at 5 pm.*

**Pie Mastery:**

Throughout the semester, you will be completing different parts of the Course Pie, which is on the main page of your ALEKS account. By 11:59 PM on May 5, 2016, you will need to have the pie complete to receive full credit. Partial credit will be award.

**Time:**

Each week, you will need to spend a minimum of 3 hours **working** in ALEKS. You can work on homework, assessments, or read an explanation. Those will all count towards your time on ALEKS. **At least one week will be dropped.**

**ALEKS Guarantee:**

ALEKS has a guarantee for students taking courses using their software. If you fail an ALEKS course and have spent more than 25 hours in the software, you need to immediately email your instructor. ALEKS will provide a one-time retake of the course (They will only pay for the software, you are responsible for paying other fees and tuition).

**Objectives:**

You will have objectives due periodically on ALEKS. These objectives consist of topics that we will be discussing in class. Some objectives will take time. It is strongly suggested that you do not procrastinate because you may get stuck on topics and you will not be able to move on. You can find help for these objectives by going to the MRTC, Class+ or contacting your instructor. **At least one objective will be dropped**

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**Assessments:**

There are two different types of assessment on ALEKS that pertain to this class.

- **Initial Knowledge Check:** The initial assessment is what you are required to take first in ALEKS. This is an assessment that covers the whole semester of topics and will test to see what you know starting off.
- **Requested Assessments:** Requested Assessments are assessments that are given after certain objectives. These assessments test over recently learned topics. There may be anywhere between 5-30 questions. **You may put these assessments off for up to 24 hours, but after that, you will have to complete them.**

**Tests:**

There are four tests (including the final) that you will take proctored throughout the semester. For these tests you must use either proctorU or in the MRTC which is located in Champions Hall on campus. I will send out more information the closer we get to Test 1.

Test Dates are

- Test 1 (in ALEKS) – Feb 22 through Feb 23
- Test 2 (in ALEKS)– Apr 4 through Apr 5
- Written Exam (in Blackboard) – Apr 25 through Apr 26
- Final (in ALEKS) – May 9 through May 10

**U of A Cares:**

U of A Cares was implemented to encourage and allow members of the community to refer students that are exhibiting signs of distress in their academic, personal, financial life or other areas. Family, faculty, and students may fill out the form that will then be sent to the office of the Dean of Students for review. Go to [uofacares.uark.edu](http://uofacares.uark.edu) to fill out the form.

If you are in an immediate emergency, please dial 911.