

Initial Check

You can find the following page right after registration. Click on “START KNOWLEDGE CHECK” to start the initial check.

The initial assessment requires your full attention and will provide the first score for placement. Please give yourself 45 to 90 minutes to complete the check. You must not look for any external help such as asking friends or googling internet when answering ALEKS questions. The amount of time you spend in ALEKS for initial check will be recorded in the report so if you spend more than 120 minutes, your placement could be nullified.

The screenshot shows the ALEKS interface for 'General Chemistry Placement 1 - 2016'. On the left, a green sidebar contains the text 'UP NEXT : Initial Knowledge Check' and a large white button with the text 'START KNOWLEDGE CHECK'. On the right, a white box contains the text 'Initial Knowledge Check' in orange, followed by the instruction: 'To personalize ALEKS for you, we need to see what you already know in this class.'

You will see a short tutorial to explain how initial check is set up and where to find information.

The screenshot shows the 'Initial Knowledge Check' tutorial screen. At the top, it says 'Here's an example of what's to come.' Below this is a sample question interface. The question asks to complete a table for various elements. The table has columns for 'element', 'oxidation state', and 'type of ion'. The elements listed are scandium, selenium, iodine, tellurium, and sulfur. The oxidation state column contains $+3$, -2 , -1 , -2 , and -2 respectively. The type of ion column has radio buttons for 'cation' and 'anion'. A callout box says 'You can use the ALEKS calculator when it appears.' Another callout box says 'Choose I Don't Know only if you don't know how to solve the problem.' At the bottom of the sample question, there are 'I DON'T KNOW' and 'SUBMIT' buttons. The word 'SAMPLE' is written in large, light letters at the bottom right of the question area. Below the question area, a green button says 'Start Knowledge Check'.

You will answer questions one at a time until you finish all the questions. Once you finish, you will be giving the report for your initial check. You can download the report from Main Menu under report. See the tutorial for Report section for detail.