Registration for ALEKS Chemistry Placement (more information)

1. After logging into LoboWeb (http://loboweb.unm.edu), under Student tab, Registration & Records,

   ![LoboWeb Screen Capture](image)

   You can find “ALEKS Chemistry Placement” item.

   ![Registration & Records Menu](image)

   1. You can click on the ALEKS Chemistry Placement” link to find the short instruction about the placement. If you have gained a thorough understanding about the placement from this instruction, you can skip the short instruction.
2. To access the placement directly, you can follow the “ALEKS Single Sign-On” link to enter ALEKS site and register for Chemistry Placement.

5. Click on SIGN UP NOW! And enter the Course code you see below.

Enter Course Code **GUXH-Q91-KX** for placement 1 or **6M4-QE-AWQL** for placement 2.
6. Confirm you’re in the right course.

**CONFIRM ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**
You are about to register to use ALEKS in the following course. Please check the course details carefully. If the information is correct, click "Continue." If the information is incorrect, click "modify" to enter another course code.

Course: General Chemistry Placement 1 (or 2) 2021  
Subject: Preparation for General Chemistry  
Instructor: Prof. Ho  
School: University of New Mexico–Upgrade  

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7. Fill out the student information page (Make sure you enter the correct UNM Banner ID (xxxxxxxx) as your ID number. Otherwise, your placement might not be reported correctly, or at all.)

8. Take the Initial Knowledge Check (detailed tutorial)
   A. You will be asked to solve about 20-30 problems (this will take you anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes – at any time you can logout and log back on, it will keep your place). It is recommended you have sufficient time to answer all questions all at once. You'll get no help at all, nor should you try to find any. If you were found using any form of external help when taking this placement, the placement result will be nullified and you will be reported to the Dean of Student Office for misconduct.
   B. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** You CANNOT use more than 120 minutes (2 hours) to complete the knowledge checks. If you spend more than the above time limit, your score will not be counted, and your placement will be voided.

9. Test result
   a. You need to the minimum score (greater than 30% for CHEM 1215 or CHEM 1217). If your initial assessment has met the requirements for the course you want to register, you are done with the placement.
   b. If your initial assessment is 10% or lower, you can exit the placement and are strongly recommended to take CHEM 1105 first. You can register into the summer section starting in July.
   c. If your initial check is in between 10% and 30% for CHEM 1215, you can continue to practice ALEKS topics (detailed tutorial) to increase the score for meeting the minimal requirement for your course (Item 7) A). You have up to three weeks (21 days) of grace period to learn ALEKS chemistry topics
   d. During the practice period, you can work on the “learning mode” of ALEKS. Progress checks will be prompted by ALEKS after certain number of topics learned during the learning mode. You do not have to take the progress checks. However, taking progress checks can help you prepare for the final check.
   e. When you take the final check is determined by you (detailed tutorial). However, the first final check must be 7 days after your initial check. You are expected to learn as many ALEKS topics as possible before you take your final check. **Taking any final knowledge check without a record of practicing ALEKS topics will automatically void the placement result.** You only have two chances for the final check. Do not take the check unless you have learned enough number of topics to give you the minimum score. You can find the final checks under “assignments” section of the ALEKS Placement. A report of your final assessment can be generated after you complete it (detailed tutorial). Bring your final ALEKS report to your advisor to obtain the override for the registration of CHEM 1215 and 1215L if you see registration errors.
      * If you cannot meet the minimal requirements by the end of the three weeks from when you start the placement, you can register into CHEM 1105 and use the CR or C or better grade to register.
      * The requirement for Placement 2 is the same as that for placement 1. However, CHEM 1105 is not appropriate for students who have done the CHEM 1215/1215L. If you cannot receive a minimum
score from ALEKS Placement 2, you do not have the required chemistry knowledge to take CHEM 1225 and 1225L. You should take CHEM 1215 and 1215L first and obtain a grade of C or better from both courses before taking 1225 and 1225L.

**Having technical issues with accessing ALEKS?**

Contact tech support at ALEKS, they are very helpful, accessible and prompt!

**Phone:** (714) 619-7090  
**Email:** contact us at [http://support.aleks.com](http://support.aleks.com)  
Hours (Eastern Standard)  
Sunday, 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM  
Monday - Thursday, 7:00 AM to 1:00 AM  
Friday, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Registration

Go to http://aleks.com, and click on “sign up now!” as shown below.

You will see the following window; enter the course code: GXJCH-Q9HKN, and click on “Continue”

You will see the following confirmation:
If you continue, you will see

WELCOME TO ALEKS!
Have you used ALEKS before?

☐ I have never used ALEKS before or I do not have an ALEKS login name.

☐ I have an ALEKS login name.

If you have an ALEKS account, choose the second option and you can skip the step for personal information. If you do not have an ALEKS account before, choose the first option. Once you select your option, click on “continue”. The following is the form you need to fill out if you choose option 1.
You will see the following confirmation after completing registration. In the example, a student named “General Chemistry” has registered with a login name: GCHEMISTRY. ALEKS will assign you a login name and you need to write it down together with your password for your record.

You will go through a short tutorial for ALEKS if this is the first time you register for an ALEKS course.

You will then arrive at “initial Assessment” page next.

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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.

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

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.

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To Practice ALEKS

You need to locate the ALEKS main menu from the upper left corner of the website, immediate left to ALEKS logo:

A single click to the menu sign will bring out a dropdown list as shown below. Click on “Learn” to enter the learning mode.

You will be seeing the first question ALEKS provides from the pool of questions you are ready to learn according to initial check.
You can change the question you practice anytime by clicking on the arrow located near the ALEKS main menu as shown below:

You will then see all categories of questions you can answer as shown below:

You can scroll to the right to see all available questions for you (red circle) and choose one to answer by double clicking on the question, followed by the “Start” button.

You can also browse all categories of available questions by clicking on the small arrow right to “Ready to Learn” as shown in the example above.
You can select any category you want to practice now by a single click and all the ready to learn questions will be listed.

![Ready to Learn](image)

You can open and close the question list any time by clicking on the arrow.

When practicing questions, you can click on ‘Explanation” button to get tutorial information. However, to maximize your learning, do not read the explanation before you try to answer it by yourself. Thinking through the question by yourself even you are wrong can make your learning much more effective.

Each question you practice will be changed to “Learned” after you can correctly answer two or three more questions of the same topic. The “earned questions” will be changed to “Mastered” after a progress assessment. ALEKS will prompt you for a progress assessment periodically when you have learned 16-20 topics. You can decide if you want to take the progress assessment right away. You can delay taking it, but it is a good way to evaluate how many topics (and percentage) you have mastered and whether all topics you learned still stay in you.

When you see the number of topics you mastered from a progress assessment exceeds the minimal requirement for your course, it is time for you to take the final assessment to finish the placement.

Do not take final assessment if you do not think you have cumulated enough number of topics or percentage for the requirement. You only have two chances to take the final assessments. Do not waste your chance.

Go back to where you at [click here](https://www.aleks.com/).
To Take the Final Assessment

Go to ALEKS main menu. Select “Assignments” item from the drop down list. You will see two final assessments in the following page. You only have two chances to take the final assessment. Make sure you want to do it now.

Choose the “Final Assessment 1” if this is the first time you take the final assessment. If you have already taken the final assessment once, choose “Final Assessment 2”. You need to double click on the selected assessment to enter the test.

The final assessment is closed book, closed note, and accessing internet during the assessment is prohibited. You should not use any form of external help when answering assessment questions. You can use information provided by ALEKS such as calculator, periodic table, constants, etc. Make yourself fully concentrated on the assessment questions and do not interrupt your assessment before you complete it.

You can take as much time as you need to finish it. The amount of time you use will be recorded in the report. Good luck!
It's time for a Knowledge Check.

Why am I getting this Knowledge Check?
Your Instructor assigned this Knowledge Check.

To go back to where you at click here
To Generate a Report for Chemistry Placement

Go to ALEKS main menu and select “Reports”.

You will see a collection of different types of report listed. Scroll to the next page by clicking on the right arrow (red circle).

You will see all assessment results listed under “Progress History” window.
By clicking on “View All”, you can see the detail of all assessments (initial and final). To download the report, click on the download sign circled in red in the figure below:

The report will be shown in the next window. You can download the PDF file by clicking on the download logo.

This report is the official certification of your placement. Under “ALEKS grade” you can see the course you are placed in.

To go back to where you are, click here.