

Math Selection Assessment (MSA)

All new international undergraduate students must enroll in freshman composition and mathematics in their first semester unless they are exempt. In order for us to place you in the appropriate *mathematics* course for Fall 2019, you need to complete the Math Selection Assessment (MSA).

The MSA is organized as a free class (XMTH991) that uses an online system called *ALEKS Placement, Preparation and Learning*. Upon your enrollment in XMTH 991 by the international advisor, the system is available to you online all day, every day until August 23, 2019.

OFFICIAL PLACEMENT FOR YOUR FALL 2019 MATHEMATICS COURSE

To place into a Mathematics course for Fall 2019, you must start the MSA program from home and take an official proctored assessment on the ALEKS system at CSUN. This test cannot be taken anywhere else.

You can take the test starting Monday, August 12, 2019 and it must be completed by Friday, August 23, 2019 at 3 PM. The percentage on this test will determine which math class you will take in Fall 2019. Failure to participate in the MSA course, including the proctored final, will result in you being placed into the lowest level math class for Fall 2019.

Steps:

1. **Complete the Response Questionnaire.** If you plan to attend CSUN, you **must** go to www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/new-international-student-checklist immediately to submit your response questionnaire.
2. **Log onto your CSUN email.** All official correspondence from CSUN will be sent to your CSUN issued email account (*firstname.lastname.###@my.csun.edu*). If you prefer to use your personal email, you must forward CSUN emails to that account. For information on accessing and forwarding your CSUN email account visit <http://www.csun.edu/it/email>.
3. **Check your CSUN issued email account for a message from your MSA Instructor.**
4. **Register with ALEKS.** Your MSA instructor's first email to you will tell you how to register for the online ALEKS program you will use for math practice and placement. The registration instructions will include an ALEKS link. The link is for your exclusive use. Sharing this link with others is a violation of CSUN's Academic Code of Conduct. You will need your CSUN username and password to access your ALEKS course. Do **NOT** register with ALEKS more than one time. Email your instructor if you have trouble.
5. **Take an ALEKS tutorial:** After registration with ALEKS, the system will take you to a tutorial on how to use the ALEKS system.
6. **Take an ALEKS initial assessment.** After the tutorial, ALEKS will automatically start an online diagnostic test called an "initial assessment." Take this assessment seriously as it will determine the level of review you need in ALEKS.
7. **Review your math.** Based on your initial assessment, ALEKS will automatically start a customized mathematics review for you. You should spend a minimum of 12 hours on this review during the summer.
8. **Take the official placement assessment.** Once you arrive at CSUN, you will take the official proctored placement assessment. Come to Bayramian Hall Room 402, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM from August 12-23, 2019. You must have completed steps 1-8 above and you must bring this letter and your CSUN ID to the proctored assessment. For details about the proctored assessment and other questions please contact your MSA instructor via email. For more information about MSA visit: <http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/developmental-mathematics/math-selection-assessment-msa>.