

1. MATH 115 SUMMER (S2) 2025 SYLLABUS

1.1. **Course Information.** Math 115 ONL (3 credit hours) June 16 - Aug 8, 2025.

1.2. **Instructor and TA Information.**

Instructor *Alison Reddy*

TA *Katrina Schideman*

1.3. **Course Description.** This is an online course. It reviews trigonometric, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions, and introduces finding the area under a curve. Intended for students who need preparation for MATH 220, either because they lack the content background or because they are not prepared for the rigor of a university calculus course. Credit is not given for both MATH 115 and either MATH 014 or MATH 114. Credit is not given for MATH 115 if credit for MATH 220 or MATH 221 has been earned.

1.4. **Required Course Materials.**

- (1) Computer with webcam and microphone: see section 1.17 for system requirements.
- (2) The **optional** text is Stewart Precalculus.
- (3) ALEKS semester access code: see section 1.16 for access and purchase information.
- (4) LockDown Browser with Respondus* remote proctoring: see section 1.17 for installation and purchase information.

★ **All quizzes and the final exam will be in ALEKS and all require LockDown Browser with Respondus Monitor. Keep track of your assignment calendar in ALEKS.**

1.5. **Zoom Math Q & A Room.** Drop-in Math Q & A, TBA.

1.6. **Email.** We will use **Campuswire** for all email and course communication. Go to <http://www.campuswire.com> to access the course page. You must activate your Campuswire account through the invite sent to your UIUC email. Please note that we only check and respond to email Mon - Fri between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

1.7. **Grading.** Your grade will consist of the following:

ALEKS (Pie Progress Goals*) : 40%

Quizzes: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

* **You must complete the following ALEKS Pie Progress percentages by the corresponding date: 50% (07/01/2025), 70% (07/18/2025), and 90% (last day of classes, 08/07/2025).**

Grades/Scores will be posted in ALEKS. Final course grades will be available after the end of the semester in Enterprise (where you register for courses). **There is no curve and no extra credit.**

Letter grades will be assigned using the following Plus/Minus scale.

$A+ : 97$ $A : 93$ $A- : 90$

$B+ : 87$ $B : 83$ $B- : 80$

$C+ : 77$ $C : 73$ $C- : 70$

$D+ : 67$ $D : 63$ $D- : 60$

1.8. **ALEKS Pie Progress and Scheduled Knowledge Checks.** You should spend a minimum of 10 hours per week working in ALEKS on your Pie Progress.

Warning! You must take a Pie Progress Assessment / Knowledge Check when prompted. If you repeatedly click “I do not know”, then ALEKS will think that you do not know and you will lose all the progress you made on your Pie.

1.9. **Quizzes in ALEKS.** ALEKS quizzes will be given regularly. Keep track of your assignment calendar in ALEKS and note that quizzes always open at 7 AM and close at 11:59 PM (whether you are finished or not). Quizzes have a time limit per take. You have two tries per quiz and only the highest score counts. Calculators, unless provided by ALEKS, are not allowed on the quizzes. Makeup quizzes will not be given. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped at the end of the course.

1.10. **Final Exam.** The final exam must be scheduled for **Friday, August 8, 2025 or Saturday, August 9, 2025. The final is cumulative and is 3 hours in length.** Calculators, unless provided by ALEKS, are not allowed on the final exam. Be sure to take advantage of the Practice Final Exam in ALEKS.

1.11. **Class Etiquette.** The effectiveness of this course is dependent upon the creation of an encouraging and safe classroom environment. Exclusionary, offensive, or harmful speech will not be tolerated and in some cases will be subject to University harassment procedures. We are each responsible for creating a positive and safe environment that allows all students equal respect and comfort. We expect each of you to help establish and maintain an environment where you and your peers can contribute without fear of ridicule or intolerant or offensive language. If your behavior is in any way inappropriate for a class discussion, you will be removed from the post or Zoom meeting.

1.12. **Other Policies.** If you have an illness, accident, or family emergency that prohibits you from participating in any aspect of this course, you must contact the Student Assistance Center in the Office of the Dean of Students for documentation to excuse your absence. For more information go to <http://http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/studentAssistance/index.asp>

1.13. **Academic Integrity.** All violations will be dealt with in accordance with University policy. Infractions http://admin.illinois.edu/policy/code/article1_part4_1-402.html include, but are not limited to, submitting work that is not your own, using a calculator or ANY other electronic device during a quiz or exam, talking during a quiz/exam, and using any aids during a quiz/exam.

1.14. **Assistance.** Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need special assistance, or have questions or problems relating to this course.

1.15. **Unsolicited Advice.** Have a positive attitude! Every one of you is capable of learning or you would not be at this University. That being said, learning math is not a passive process and being an active participant in your learning is crucial. **A minimum of 10 hours per week working on your ALEKS pie and an overall pie percentage of at least 80% are both necessary, but not sufficient, for passing this course.** ALEKS allows you to practice the techniques to help you understand the material for the course. So, it is very important that you take ALEKS very seriously and work through all problems in detail. You are strongly encouraged to seek help sooner rather than later. The course material just gets more difficult as the semester continues. So, waiting until later in the semester will only make it that much more difficult to improve your understanding.

1.16. **ALEKS.** How to Access and Purchase your ALEKS Code.

Math 115 uses ALEKS for course material, this is **not** the same as the U of I Math Placement Exam through ALEKS PPL. It is the same technology, but a different course, access, and content than the U of I Math Placement Exam through ALEKS PPL. You must access ALEKS and purchase an access code as directed below.

I. To enroll and start using ALEKS, go to the main ALEKS web page at: <http://www.aleks.com> and click on the link SIGN UP NOW! (upper right). When prompted, enter the following Course Code:

KVKDK-W6GWH

Select: "I have never used ALEKS before or I do not have an ALEKS login name."

II. To purchase your **non-refundable \$75.07** ALEKS access code click on the "Purchase an Access Code" link after you have entered the above course code and have continued until you get to the Access Code Page. **You must purchase the 11 Weeks Code (1 Quarter) for this course.** Note (if needed): See Canvas for information on a temporary 2-week access code.

The remaining steps to get into ALEKS are self-explanatory. Once you are in the system, ALEKS will give you a tutorial on how to use the system. After that it gives you an initial assessment. Once the assessment is complete, ALEKS will develop an individualized learning plan for you to learn the Math 115 course material.

III. ALEKS customer support.

Website: <https://mhedu.force.com/aleks/s/>

1.17. Respondus and Lockdown Browser. \$10 Respondus fee for the semester.

All assessments will be in ALEKS using Lockdown Browser with Respondus. You must take all of your assessments at the scheduled times. **Be sure to install Lockdown Browser with Respondus at least 2 days prior to your first quiz.** Here is the information:

<https://web.respondus.com/lockdownbrowser-student-video/>

You will need a Windows or Mac computer that enables you to install software. **[Note: Chromebooks are not supported.] A computer with a functioning webcam and microphone is required for all assessments.** You may use an iPad with a functioning front-facing camera and microphone. If using an iPad, note that Apple does not allow payment to Respondus to be made via an iPad. This means that you will need to use a desktop browser to complete the payment screen. You can then return to using your iPad for the actual quiz or exam. **Be sure to access LockDown Browser and Respondus from inside ALEKS, as then it is connected to your ALEKS account and independent of your device.**

Even if you have previously downloaded LockDown Browser for another course or assignment, you will still need to download this version as it is unique to ALEKS. For a detailed list of the system requirements and the download links, go to https://www.aleks.com/support/lockdown_system_requirements. Run the installation program after the download is complete.

Once Lock DownBrowser is installed, go to the following link with a regular browser to test if LockDown Browser will launch properly from your computer, as well as to perform the webcam check: https://www.aleks.com/support/lockdown_test. The **Respondus fee** is charged prior to starting an assessment. (One of the steps in the webcam check is a payment screen.)

If you have any problems with LockDown Browser or the webcam setup, contact ALEKS Student Tech Support:

Phone: **1-800-258-2374**

Website: <https://mhedu.force.com/aleks/s/>

Finally, here is a link with some additional resources and videos that might be helpful:

<https://web.respondus.com/he/monitor/resources/> (THESE ARE NOT ALEKS SPECIFIC)

Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive summer session!