



Take Math First



Information from the Bay College Mathematics Department 2021-2022

On behalf of the Mathematics Department, welcome to Bay College! We would like to offer some advice as you make your way through the what can be an overwhelming list of classes that are required to complete your degree or transfer program.

Start by taking the appropriate math class your first semester. Get your math requirement(s) out of the way early, so you don't become one of the unfortunate students who has to stay for extra semesters to earn their degree.

You will be placed into a math class based on a placement score. If your SAT/ACT score is more than 3 years old or you are unhappy with your placement, you should sign up to take the ALEKS assessment, a computer-based test that provides you with accurate information about your current math skills. Bay College provides this test **free** as a service to students. Call 906.217.4010 (Escanaba) or 906.302.3000 (Iron Mountain) to set up an appointment. To prepare for the test, you could use the resources listed below. You may also visit the ALEKS website to sign up for a [free trial](#) (https://www.aleks.com/free_trial/consumer). Note: New students who score below the minimum SAT/ACT score will be required to take the ALEKS test.

Resources

[Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org) >>www.khanacademy.org

[Purple Math](https://www.purplemath.com) >>www.purplemath.com

[West Texas A & M University](https://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/) >>www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/

Visit Testing Services (906.217.4053) in Escanaba or the Student Success Center (906.302.3004) in Iron Mountain for help with ALEKS preparation. The Bay College Library can also assist you with books, DVDs, tutorials, and other online resources.

Questions?

Please contact Admissions at 906.217.4010 (Escanaba) or 906.302.3000 (Iron Mountain). You may also contact the following Mathematics Department faculty: Britt Slade (sladeb@baycollege.edu), Spencer Slade (slades@baycollege.edu), Ken Hinzman (ken.hinzman@baycollege.edu), and Joe Shaw (shawj@baycollege.edu).

We want every student to succeed and are here to help you. We look forward to seeing you in class. If you'd like to see a math class flowchart or list of the different math pathways, please contact your advisor, co-advisor, or one of the above faculty!