

Learning Skills 10A (Multimedia Format-ALEKS)

Fall 2008 Course Information

Section:

ALEKS Course Code:

ALEKS Access Code(if purchased):

Log-on/ Password:

Instructor:

Office hours:

Phone: 278-6725 message

E-mail: Use ALEKS messaging

ALEKS tutorial purchase: Students in ALEKS classes must obtain an ALEKS access code and use it with their class code to open an ALEKS account by the end of the first week of class. The code can be purchased in the bookstore or online at www.aleks.com, or www.csumathsuccess.org.

Textbook: Elementary Algebra, Dugopolski, sixth edition, 2008.

Referenced in ALEKS Computer program, purchase optional.

Calculator: A scientific calculator (not graphing) may be used on written exams.

Curriculum for LS 10A (multimedia format/ALEKS tutorial) includes prealgebra, algebra, and geometry. For students who have scored at least 36 on the ELM exam, passing LS 10A satisfies the Entry Level Mathematics requirement and is equivalent to passage of the ELM exam.

The ALEKS Program: The instruction for this course is provided through a multimedia tutorial (ALEKS) in a computer laboratory setting. You will follow presentations of material, and solve algebra and geometry problems on the computer. In addition, you will take assessments and quizzes on the computer, as well as written work if required. The instructor will be present during class to help you to better learn the subject matter on the computer and provide additional instruction and examples. The material in your ALEKS program is cross referenced to the Dugopolski textbook .

Purchasing ALEKS: You will need an ALEKS **access code** and a **course code** to enroll in your class.

- Bookstore: \$94 plus tax
- Online at www.aleks.com \$72
- Online through www.csumathsuccess.org: \$35(See instructions below)

Buying an ALEKS access code through the bookstore or online at www.aleks.com:

You will need a "HIGHER EDUCATION" access code, (NOT **independent use**), in addition to the course code of your class. This will enroll you in your class and give you an ALEKS logon name and password. You need to write down the ALEKS ACCESS CODE, LOGON NAME AND PASSWORD.

Purchasing an account through www.csumathsuccess.org

- Go to <http://www.csumathsuccess.org>, and logon to with a CSU Mentor log-in and password. (Can be created online)
- Go to "Exam Prep" and to "Online Personalized ELM Exam Tutorial".
- Purchase and **write down** the ALEKS log on name and password given.
- Logon at www.aleks.com with logon name and password, go to "options", to "Change course code" and then enter the course code for your course.

Hours on ALEKS: A minimum of four hours per week is required. This is part of your final grade in the course. If 100% of ALEKS topics are completed, you will receive full credit for hours.

Attendance: Because failure of this course may jeopardize your enrollment at Sac State, regular attendance is required and necessary. If you incur more than three absences your instructor is entitled to fail you. Serious extenuating circumstances will be taken into account if you notify your instructor promptly and are otherwise passing.

Cell Phone/Computer Use Policy: Cell phones must be turned off while class is in session, and there will only be computer usage for ALEKS during class time.

Homework and Computer Quizzes: Short computer quizzes will be given. Quizzes may be retaken to improve your score. Written corrections may be assigned as homework.

Exams: There will be four written exams in this course. **MAKE-UPS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** unless: (1) your instructor agrees that you have a serious and compelling reason AND (2) you contact your instructor **BEFORE** the scheduled exam.

Disability Accommodations: If you have a documented disability and are registered with Services to Students with Disabilities, please see me regarding any required accommodations
The **EGAD** (Elementary Geometry and Algebra Diagnostic) test is a 45 question, multiple-choice, diagnostic test covering elementary algebra and geometry. It will be given at the end of the course.

Retaking the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Test: If you retake and pass the ELM test during the semester you are enrolled in LS 10A and wish to receive a CR grade in LS 10A, you must do all of the following:

- Be attending your LS 10A class regularly (i.e. have no more than 3 absences)
- Talk to your LS 10A instructor regarding passing the ELM test
- Take and pass the EGAD test given in class with a score of at least 22.

Failure to meet all three of these conditions will result in a NC grade in LS 7B.

Cheating: Cheating on exams and quizzes is a serious offense and may result in expulsion, suspension, or probation from the University.

Final Exam: You must take all four exams and the EGAD test in order to be eligible to take the final exam. The final exam is comprehensive. The fixed final exam time for your class is listed online at csus.edu. You may not make-up or retake the final exam.

Course Grade: This course is graded as credit (CR) or no credit (NC). To earn a CR grade, a student must do ALL of the following:

- complete ALEKS with an in-class assessment of at least 70% (42 points)
- pass the EGAD test with a score of at least 22
- pass the final exam with a score of at least 70% (140 points)
- earn a 70% overall in the course according to the following point scale:

Hours on ALEKS	100 points (4 hrs/week)
Quizzes	50 points
4 Exams	200 points
Final Assessment on ALEKS	70 points
EGAD Test	30 points
Comprehensive Final Exam	<u>200 points</u>
Total	650 points (70%=455 points)

Additional Help: Additional help is available during your instructor's office hours, in the Learning Skills Math Labs in LSN 2110 and LSN 2107 ,and the Math Lab in BRH 118. The schedules for these labs are posted outside the indicated rooms.

If you have further questions your instructor cannot answer, contact the Multimedia Coordinator Anne Katz at 278-6829, katz1786@csus.edu, LSN 2107-A.