

# Geometry FAQs

## Q: What courses require geometry as a prerequisite?

A: See chart. For course descriptions and course prerequisite information, visit the college catalog at: [cod.edu/catalog](http://cod.edu/catalog)

The following courses have a geometry prerequisite.	You can satisfy the Geometry prerequisite using any of the following.								
Course you wish to enroll in	COD Course*	or	ALEKS PPL score	or	COMPASS Geometry score	or	ALEKS Geometry score	or	ACT math sub score
Math 0482, Math 1108, Math 1428, Math 1431	Math 0470	or	46**	or	30	or	30	or	23
Math 1321, Math 1322	Math 0470	or		or	45	or	50	or	24

\*Prerequisite for Math 0470: Math 0481 with a grade of C or better, or a score of 30 on the ALEKS PPL

\*\*These scores expire in 1 year from the date they were earned.

## Q: Once I satisfy the geometry prerequisite, when does that expire?

A: The expiration varies depending on how you satisfied the geometry prerequisite:

1. The ALEKS Geometry score, the COMPASS Geometry score, and the ACT math sub score never expire as geometry prerequisites.
2. The "C" or better in Math 0470 never expires.
3. The score of 46 on the ALEKS PPL Placement Test expires one year from the date it was earned.

## Q: I took the ALEKS PPL Placement Test and got a 46 or higher. Do I meet the geometry prerequisite?

A: You meet the geometry prerequisite for Math 0482, Math 1108, Math 1428, and Math 1431. Note that this score expires 1 year from the date it was earned so you should enroll in your course right away.

If you plan to enroll in Math 1321 or Math 1322, you will need to take the ALEKS Geometry Test. The 46 or higher on the ALEKS PPL Placement Test does not meet the requirement for these classes.

## Q: What should I know about the ALEKS Geometry Test?

- You may take the ALEKS Geometry placement test even if you've already taken the COMPASS geometry test.
- You cannot use your own calculator. If ALEKS determines that a calculator may be needed, the calculator icon will appear on the screen. You will have to do some calculations by hand. Pencil and paper will be provided.
- All answers are free form—no multiple choice.
- The test is untimed. Allowing 1 ½ - 2 hours is usually plenty of time.
- **Starting the testing process creates an account which will expire in 18 weeks. You must have completed your geometry testing by then.**
- You will have 1 un-proctored "Initial Knowledge Check" (that does not count for placement) and up to 2 proctored attempts (which do count for placement).

**Q: How do I take the test?**

**A:** from [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu), under “Quick Links”, click on “InsideCOD Portal”. At the bottom of the block for Math Placement Tests is the link to the Geometry placement test. **Note: clicking on this link creates your account and begins the 18-week time frame during which you must complete the review and testing process.**

- Take the **initial assessment** (from home, or anywhere you have internet access)
- Use the ALEKS learning module to review as much as you want after completing the first **assessment**.
- When ready, email [alekstesting@cod.edu](mailto:alekstesting@cod.edu) (from your COD email) with the following information:
  - First and Last Name
  - COD ID number
  - The word "Geometry" in the subject line
- Directions for taking the first official ALEKS Geometry test will be sent to your College of DuPage email address.
- You may take the test again if needed following the same process as above.

**Q: What if I don't get a qualifying score on either of my official attempts?**

**A:** You will need to enroll in Math 0470 Elementary Plane Geometry which has a prerequisite of Math 0481 (with a final grade of C or better) or a score of 30 or above on the ALEKS PPL.

**Q: I've heard that the geometry requirement is "going away". Is this true?**

**A:** No. The geometry prerequisite will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. The only change will be for Math 0465 which no longer has a geometry prerequisite beginning fall, 2019.

**Q: If I need help reviewing for the test, what are the available resources besides the *Geometry Review Workshop*?**

**1. ALEKS Learning Pie:**

- a. After completing your Test #1 (your un-proctored, at-home test), ALEKS will have built your custom learning module, your ALEKS Pie. It contains the geometry material you are ready to learn next. You may spend as much or as little time, preparing to score higher, as you wish before taking Test #2 and Test #3.
- b. *Follow this path on your computer → (It's the same place you went to take your Geometry Test #1)*
- c. [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu)
- d. Under “QUICK LINKS” on the menu at the top of the page, select “InsideCOD Portal”
- e. Enter your sign-on and password on the sign on screen
- f. Find the “MATH PLACEMENT TEST” box, scroll to the bottom of it
  - Geometry Placement (at bottom of the MATH PLACEMENT TEST box)
  - Select your geometry placement module

**2. Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Geometry Review:**

See [cod.edu/math/placement](http://cod.edu/math/placement) for information regarding mathematics placement and the ALEKS test.

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