Welcome to Chemistry 111! As part of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry’s focus on student success in general chemistry, we are implementing a new direction in online learning for Chemistry 111. In addition to the ALEKS Prep assignment all Chemistry 111 students must do, the ALEKS learning system will be a required, graded component for the course. Your data from the ALEKS Prep assignment will directly feed into the course learning system and build each student an individualized path for success in Chemistry 111. This handout will answer some questions about obtaining ALEKS for your Chemistry 111 section.

How do I obtain ALEKS?

There are two ways to obtain ALEKS for your individual use during the semester.

1. You can purchase ALEKS online directly from the program itself after you have registered for your individual course. Your Chemistry 111 instructor will provide a course code for you right before or the first day of class so you may register in ALEKS (using the same login as you did for the ALEKS Prep assignment). There you will be given the opportunity to purchase access directly online.

2. You can also purchase an access card for ALEKS through the CofC bookstore. This will contain a registration code that you will put into ALEKS after your instructor gives you the course code.

How much does ALEKS cost?

The cost for ALEKS depends on the method in which you obtain it and the length of access you desire. If you intend to take both Chemistry 111 and Chemistry 112, it is advised that you purchase a full years’ access to cover you for both semesters. If you intend to take only Chemistry 111, you should purchase an 18-week access to cover you for the fall semester.

What do I get with this purchase?

In an effort to reduce costs for students, you are purchasing access to ALEKS (a component of the grade for the course) as well as an electronic book integrated into the system. It has been our experience that many students are comfortable with using e-books and thus this is the lowest cost option with easiest access available. For those students desiring a physical copy of the text, it is possible to order a loose-leaf version through ALEKS directly. Furthermore, students are more than welcome to purchase a used copy of the text from any source they choose.

Contact Information for Help or Other Questions

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