



ACES Academic Enrichment Center

2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

Course Name: S100: SAT Foundations – Reading/Writing

Course Description

ACES SAT Foundations provides a first entry-point for students interested in preparing for the new SAT test. The course covers the structure of the new test, including question types and scoring, highlighting differences between the old SAT and the new one. The course also covers general test-taking strategies and development of a personal plan-of-action for test preparation. The course also includes a crash-course in English grammar and reading skills, math through trigonometry, and fundamental writing and argumentation skills needed to write the new SAT essay.

Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Students will learn the structure of the SAT test
- Students will learn general and SAT-specific test-taking strategies
- Students will develop a personal plan-of-action to prepare for the SAT
- Students learn specific content tested in the four sections of the SAT: Reading, Writing, Math, and Essay

Class Structure

The SAT Foundations course is a lecture-based class designed to help students learn as much material in as short a time as possible. Thus, the course consists of an accelerated lecture-based overview of the four subjects. There is, however, time allotted to take SAT test sections, analyze errors, and develop personal strategies for success. Students will take SAT sections for homework and also complete skill-building exercises for each section of the test.

Course Schedule:

Date	Subject	Topics	Content and Strategies	Homework
Day 1	Diagnostic Test	Review of Diagnostic Test and question analysis Overview of SAT Reading/Writing Test SAT Format, Question Types and Scoring rules	Assessment of individual strengths and weaknesses	Vocabulary List 1
Day 2	Reading	Introduction to Reading test, strategies for passage reading, passage types Vocabulary Study	Strategies for answering multiple-choice questions Word roots, prefixes, and suffixes	Reading Test #1 Vocabulary List 2
Day 3	Writing	Grammar: Verb tense, irregular past participles, Gerunds and Infinitives, Pronoun case and agreement, Idioms and preposition/verb pairs	Process of elimination, Pacing, Using Context, Using Your Ear	Grammar Test #1; Grammar Assignment
Day 4	Writing	Grammar: Punctuation and possession, Run-on's and Fragments, FANBOYS, Misplaced modifiers and ambiguous reference, Countable and Uncountable	Previewing, Key words and lead words, Identifying question type- Grammar vs. Rhetoric	Grammar Test #2; Error-Correction Assignment
Day 5	Reading	Main idea, topic sentences, transitions, sequence, structure, and flow; Identifying purpose, eliminating redundancy Complete, clear, consistent, concise writing	Question Types: Main Idea, Inference, Detail, Vocab-in-Context, and Function	Reading Test #1 Vocab-in-Context Assignment Vocabulary List 3
Day 6	Reading	Implied cause and effect, inference, identifying meaning of context-dependent words, synthesizing information and generalizing	Recognizing incorrect answers: Distortion, Misused detail, Out-of-scope (Extraneous), Unsupported Absolute, and Contrafactual.	Reading Test #2 Editing Assignment Vocabulary List 4
Day 7	Essay	How to scoring an Essay Analyzing an Argument Structuring an Essay (5-Paragraph)	Understanding Point-of-View Analysis a good Essay	Essay #1
Day 8	Diagnostic Test	Review and Scoring the Test and question analysis	Analyzing strengths and weaknesses, making a study plan	Make your future SAT study plan