



College Prep with SAT

Course Summary:

This course will help the student navigate through the Official SAT Practice on the Khan Academy website, access four full SAT practice tests and multiple practice quizzes, and learn the necessary skills in order to be well-prepared to take the SAT test. This course also includes several lessons on other critical aspects of preparing for college, including developing the college resume, writing effective personal essays, and requesting letters of recommendation.

This course is intended to prepare the student to take the SAT test. As the student works through the course, he will focus on learning more about his strengths and weaknesses as well as learn test-taking strategies that are specific to the SAT test. That way, when the student takes the actual test, the scores will be a good representation of the student's abilities.

Finally, the student will submit a College Planning Portfolio, which will reflect the areas for improvement that the student has identified throughout this course.

Course Outline

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1. Preparing for College: Follow Your Dreams
 - Begin to document your strengths, interests, talents, and goals
 - Begin researching colleges and universities
2. Introduction to the SAT & Pretest
 - Set up your access to the Official SAT Practice from the Khan Academy website
 - Assess your SAT test preparedness by taking the diagnostic quizzes
3. Preparing for College: Official Transcripts
 - Examine the features of transcripts and fully understand what they mean
 - Relate transcript information to the college admissions process
 - Review academic coursework to determine college readiness
4. About the SAT and How to Do Your Best
 - Increase your familiarity with the SAT test
 - Review your SAT pretest results to improve content area knowledge
5. SAT Critical Reading
 - Improve your critical reading abilities through completion of SAT practice activities and personal reflection.
 - Make journal entries to focus learning
6. Preparing for College: Résumés & Recommendations
 - Learn how to craft a résumé
 - Draft and revise your résumé
 - Begin documenting your achievements in résumé form
7. SAT Writing & Language

- Improve writing and reading skills through completion of the Reading & Writing practice
 - Make journal entries to focus learning
8. SAT Math
- Improve your mathematical abilities by completing practice questions and reviewing answers
 - Make journal entries to focus learning
9. SAT Full-Length Timed Practice Test 1
- Take the full-length timed SAT test to be better prepared for taking the actual SAT test
 - Understand how the practice test is different from the actual SAT test
10. SAT Practice Test 1: Review Answers
- Improve content area knowledge by reviewing answers to the practice SAT test
 - Make journal entries to focus learning
11. Preparing for College: The Application Essay
- Become familiar with the essential components of the college application essay
12. SAT Full-length Timed Practice Test 2
- Take a second full-length timed SAT practice test to prepare for taking the actual SAT test
 - Analyze your progress by comparing scores
 - Make journal entries focused on college admissions planning
13. Preparing for College: Face-to-Face Interviews
- Learn about and practice interview techniques and strategies
 - Understand what a good "fit" for college means to you
14. Preparing for College: Financial Aid
- Become familiar with financial aid terminology and process
 - Start to research financial aid options
15. Create Your Personal Improvement Plan
- Create a College Planning Portfolio to fully prepare for taking the actual SAT test