

SAT (Scholastic Achievement Test) – www.collegeboard.org

What is the SAT? Cost - \$49 but \$75 for late registration & \$92 stand-by registration

- The SAT is a multiple-choice test that measures written, verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities. It takes 3 hours and 45 minutes - 70 minutes for the critical reading & math section & 60 minutes for the writing section.

When should most students take the SAT for the first time?

- Most students take the SAT I for the first time in spring of their junior year and again fall of senior year.

Who requires the SAT I?

- Most four-year colleges and the NCAA Clearinghouse will accept either the SAT I or the ACT. Check to see if your college of interest expresses a preference.

What will the SAT scores look like?

- The SAT has three scores, each one on a scale of **200-800**. A quarter point is deducted for each test question answered incorrectly. Currently, the CSU system does not require the Writing portion.
- Scores will include critical reading (CR 200-800), mathematics (M 200-800), and writing (W 200-800).

SAT Subject Tests - www.collegeboard.org

What is the SAT II (Subject Tests)? Cost - \$22 per test date + \$11 per test (\$22 for Language w/Listening)

- The SAT II (Subject Tests) measures your knowledge and skills in a particular subject and your ability to apply that knowledge. Subject tests fall into five general areas: English, History/social science, science, mathematics, and languages. Each SAT II is one hour in length.

Who should take the SAT IIs?

- The SAT IIs are required by some private schools. They are no longer required by UCs but are recommended for some majors, and applicants may submit subject test scores for consideration during the comprehensive review process much the way they do now with AP scores. They may also be used to satisfy ["a-g" requirements](#).

When should SAT II subject tests be taken?

- Students should plan on taking SAT II tests directly after completing their year of study (i.e. Biology can be taken after completing Biology or AP Biology (if taken as a junior). US History should be taken after completing AP US History. World Language students should test at the end of year 3 and Literature and Math tests should be taken in the spring of the junior year or at the latest in fall of the senior year.

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
Oct. 12, 2011	PSAT	Check w/our Office	
March 10, 2012	SAT I	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT I and SAT II	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT I and SAT II	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012
October, 2012	SAT I and SAT II	TBA	TBA
November, 2012	SAT I and SAT II	"	"
December, 2012	SAT I and SAT II	"	"

ACT (American College Testing) - www.actstudent.org

What is the ACT? Cost - \$49.50 but \$60.50 for late registration

- This test measures a student's skill in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning.
- There will be an optional writing test which allows students to substitute the ACT for the SAT I.
- Most colleges will accept either SAT I or the ACT. Some colleges prefer the ACT.
- Math comprises a smaller percentage of the total score.
- There is no penalty for guessing. Scores are on a scale **11 to 36**.

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 18, 2012
September 8, 2012	TBA	TBA
October 27, 2012	TBA	TBA
December 8, 2012	TBA	TBA

ACT/SAT Conversion Table - <http://www.inlikeme.com/test/act-sat-score-conversion-table.html>

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NOTE: Students eligible for a free or reduced lunch card are eligible for SAT & ACT fee waivers. See your counselor.