

College Entrance Exams

ACT / SAT

What is the ACT?

www.actstudent.org

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science.

The ACT Plus Writing includes the four subject area tests plus a 30-minute Writing Test. The University of California system requires the optional writing test. The California State University system does not.

ACT results are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S.

The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 30 minutes if you are taking the ACT Plus Writing).

What is the SAT?

www.collegeboard.com

The **SAT Reasoning Test** is a standardized test for college admissions. The SAT consists of three major sections: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. Each section receives a score on the scale of 200–800. Scores range from 600 to 2400 combining test results from three 800-point sections (math, critical reading, and writing).

SAT results are accepted by most 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S.

The test contains 3 hours and 45 minutes of actual timed sections, although most administrations, including orientation, distribution of materials, completion of biographical sections, and eleven minutes of timed breaks, run about four and a half hours long.

The **SAT Subject Tests** demonstrate a student's mastery of specific subjects: English, history, mathematics, science, and foreign languages. The University of California system requires two subject tests in two different subjects. The California State University system does not require any subject test.