



## **Course Syllabus**

SAT Test Preparation | Summer 2022

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**Objective:** The SAT Test Preparation course aims to familiarize students with SAT reading, vocabulary, writing, and mathematics skills. The course includes SAT practice tests, test review, and strategies.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Instructor Contact Information:**

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**Website:**

All course materials (waiver, syllabi, etc.) will be posted on the course website under “SAT Test Preparation” Links for Dropbox (files) will also be accessible through the website. The website will be accessible throughout the school year for summer students.

**Class Times:**

Mondays – 7:30 - 9:00 PM PST

Wednesdays – 7:30 - 9:00 PM PST

Fridays – 7:30 - 9:00 PM PST

**Additional Help:** Questions can be posted to the Google Classroom or sent via email. If questions are about a specific problem, photos are helpful when asking questions about your work

**Required Materials:**

- Notebook for taking notes
- Folder for handouts, worksheets, etc.
- Pencils, erasers, etc.

**Program Cost:** \$675 tuition per semester

Note: the full program cost is due on the first day of lecture, either in person (cash/check) or via Paypal online. If the student for some reason must miss the first day, the fees must be paid by the first attended lecture. The program fee is non-refundable unless unexpected and severe circumstances arise.

**Grading:** The grade distribution is as follows: Homework 30%, Practice Tests 25 %, Attendance 25%, Quizzes 25%.

**Homework:** In order to keep everyone up to speed on the material being covered, Khan Academy sections will be assigned after each lesson in the areas that the instructor students are having difficulty with. They will serve as homework. These are short sections, and it is highly recommended students complete these in order to get constant practice with the SAT even when class is not in session.



**Vocabulary Quizzes:** The SAT tests assume a knowledge of high level vocabulary, both in the reading passages and in the questions themselves. In order to accustom students to this vocabulary, each class will begin with ~5-10 vocabulary words, which students will be tested on the next time the class meets. Each test will be cumulative, that is, students are expected to remember the words that they learned before.

**SAT Practice Tests:** The instructor will provide practice tests for the SAT. The students will be given a certain amount of time to answer questions, and then the class will review answers as a whole. One full practice test will be completed per week. Students are expected to finish any questions not completed in class at home, on their own time. Students should bring questions to the instructor as they encounter them.

**Notes:** Please bring a notebook and pencil to take notes. This is not graded or collected, but it is a good habit to always take notes in any class for future reference, studying, or staying awake during lecture.

**Tentative Nature of the Syllabus:** The contents of this syllabus and attached schedule are tentative in nature and may be subject to change or revision. The instructor holds the right to make changes to the schedule and/or organization of the class as necessary. Students and parents will be identified of any changes via email.

**Special Accommodations:** If your student requires special accommodations, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

## Tentative Schedule

| Date                            | Lesson     | Topic   |
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| Week 1 (Monday)<br>6/20/2021    | Lecture 1  | <i>Vocabulary Set 1<br/>SAT Practice Test #1 Part 1 - In class, focus on learning</i>                               |
| Week 1 (Wednesday)<br>6/22/2021 | Lecture 2  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 1, Vocabulary Set 2<br/>SAT Practice Test #1 Part 2 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 1 (Friday)<br>6/24/2021    | Lecture 3  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 2, Vocabulary Set 3<br/>SAT Practice Test #1 Part 3 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 2 (Monday)<br>6/27/2021    | Lecture 4  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 3, Vocabulary Set 4<br/>SAT Practice Test #2 Part 1 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 2 (Wednesday)<br>6/29/2021 | Lecture 5  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 4, Vocabulary Set 5<br/>SAT Practice Test #2 Part 2 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 2 (Friday)<br>7/1/2021     | Lecture 6  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 5, Vocabulary Set 6<br/>SAT Practice Test #2 Part 3 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 3 (Monday)<br>7/4/2021     | Holiday    | Holiday   |
| Week 3 (Wednesday)<br>7/6/2021  | Lecture 7  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 6, Vocabulary Set 7<br/>SAT Practice Test #3 Part 1 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 3 (Friday)<br>7/8/2021     | Lecture 8  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 7, Vocabulary Set 8<br/>SAT Practice Test #3 Part 2 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 4 (Monday)<br>7/11/2021    | Lecture 9  | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 8, Vocabulary Set 9<br/>SAT Practice Test #4 Part 1 - In class, focus on learning</i>     |
| Week 4 (Wednesday)<br>7/13/2021 | Lecture 10 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 9, Vocabulary Set 10<br/>SAT Practice Test #4 Part 2 - In class, focus on learning</i>    |
| Week 4 (Friday)<br>7/15/2021    | Lecture 11 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 10, Vocabulary Set 11<br/>SAT Practice Test #4 Part 3 - In class, focus on learning</i>   |
| Week 5 (Monday)<br>7/18/2021    | Lecture 12 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 11, Vocabulary Set 12<br/>SAT Practice Test #5 Part 1 - In class, focus on strategies</i> |

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| Week 5 (Wednesday)<br>7/20/2021 | Lecture 13 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 12, Vocabulary Set 13<br/>SAT Practice Test #5 Part 2 - In class, focus on strategies</i> |
| Week 5 (Friday)<br>7/22/2021    | Lecture 14 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 13, Vocabulary Set 14<br/>SAT Practice Test #5 Part 3 - In class, focus on strategies</i> |
| Week 6 (Monday)<br>7/25/2021    | Lecture 15 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 14, Vocabulary Set 15<br/>SAT Practice Test #6 Part 1 - In class, focus on speed</i>      |
| Week 6 (Wednesday)<br>7/27/2021 | Lecture 16 | <i>Quiz on Vocabulary Set 15<br/>SAT Practice Test #6 Part 2 - In class, focus on speed</i>                         |
| Week 6 (Friday)<br>7/29/2021    | Lecture 17 | <i>Vocabulary Cumulative Test<br/>SAT Practice Test #6 Part 3 - In class, focus on speed</i>                        |

*\*Note: Lectures are subject to change if unexpected circumstances arise.*

## Learning Outcomes:

- Reading
  - Students will understand the meaning of words in context.
  - Students will be able to read college level material closely and critically.
  - Students will comprehend the material and be able to answer evidence-based questions about the subject, purpose, and tone of the text, among other things.
- Writing and Language
  - Students will recognize and correct grammar, usage, and mechanics problems in passages.
  - Students will recognize and correct errors in sentence structure (like run-on or incomplete sentences), usage (like lack of subject-verb or pronoun-antecedent agreement), and punctuation (like missing or unnecessary commas).
  - Students will be able to understand logical sequence and placement of information in passages.
  - Students will understand how to utilize effective introductions, conclusions, and transitions.
  - Students will become adept at effective language use.
- Mathematics
  - Students will understand linear equations and systems.
  - Students will analyze problems and draw information from data.
  - Students will manipulate complex equations
  - Students will understand geometry and trigonometry.