

Course: ACT & SAT Prep Class #17003100 (Research 2)

Credit for Graduation: 1.0 Credit – Elective credit

Pre-requisite: Desire to acquire skills necessary to be successful on high stakes assessments such as the SAT and ACT

Description:

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop basic knowledge and skills for high stakes college entrance assessments. Research and Practice will be an integral component of this course. Students will also take part in research about various colleges, scholarships, and majors in order to better inform and prepare themselves for life at the collegiate level. The class will also take part in tours of local college and university campuses to allow students insight into the college experience.

The content includes, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Research process - Understanding the SAT/ACT
- Research historical topics assessed on the SAT/ACT
- Understanding the scoring methods for both the SAT and ACT
- Building language skills necessary to successfully interpret SAT and ACT reading and writing prompts.
- Participating in practice exams in order to become familiar with the tests and their time constraints.
- Vocabulary quizzes based on common SAT and ACT vocabulary
- definition, analysis, and evaluation of research questions
- review of literature and other resources
- primary and secondary sources
- formulation of hypotheses
- organization of information
- report formats, styles, and content
- directed investigations -critical analysis of research

Expectations:

Students will be expected to:

- Register for an ACT/SAT exam
- Engage in group-based and individualized review of test content
- Understand the content of the SAT and ACT
- Participate in practice exams
- Understand how both the SAT and ACT are assessed
- Engage in discussions about college and higher education
- Research colleges and institutions
- Research multiple majors
- Investigate scholarship opportunities
- Tour local college campuses
- Develop an academic resume

Website:

- Khan Academy
- College Board