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What is the

university SAT prep program?

The University SAT Prep Program is jointly offered by the University of Houston and Knowsys Test Prep LLC to prepare students for the SAT® exam. Our program's unique effectiveness comes

from its two-pronged approach. First, it explains and offers practice in the best way to prepare for the new SAT, with its harder math content, its increased emphasis on critical reading, its timed essay, and its focus on English grammar. Second, our program helps students and parents manage the university admissions process. Students want their scores and essays to draw favorable attention from admissions personnel, and the University SAT Prep Program helps them do just that through a unique combination of highly effective SAT preparation and much-needed university admissions advice. We have done the research and program development to support stellar results and our track record shows that our program works beautifully.

A Snapshot of the New SAT

	Math	Verbal	Writing
Sections: * 3	3	3	3
Time: 1 hr 10 min	1 hr 10 min	1 hr	
Question types:	Multiple Choice Grid-In	Sentence Completion Critical Reading: Short Passages Long Passages	25-minute Persuasive Essay Identifying Sentence Errors Improving Sentences Improving Paragraphs
Content tested:	Arithmetic Algebra I Geometry Algebra II	Vocabulary Logical Thinking Reading	Writing Grammar Usage
Score Range: 200–800	200–800	200–800	

*There is one 25-minute experimental section.

What students say about us:

"This program is amazing! I learned great strategies and gained a lot of confidence. It was so worth it!"

—Anisa W.

"After taking the class, my score improved 300 points! The class gave me what I needed—strategy, content, and confidence."

—Genny C.

Why should I prepare with the

university SAT prep program?

- ★ The University SAT Prep Program provides a well-rounded and complete SAT prep course. We offer students a unique combination of vital test-taking strategies, time-saving tips and shortcuts, and thorough content review.
- ★ Our SAT curriculum is adaptable. Our instructors use this unique feature to custom fit each class to the needs of their students.
- ★ The homework assignments are personalized to meet each student's individual needs.
- ★ We help students master the content tested on the exam. The University SAT Prep Course helps students fill in any gaps they have in the exam content. Plus, we help students take the next step by moving from *knowing* the concepts to *applying* the concepts to test problems.
- ★ As part of the University SAT Prep Course, we provide a three-hour informational seminar by an Admission specialist that is open to registered students and their parents. In this seminar, vital information is provided on managing the university admissions process, applying for scholarships, and writing effective application essays.

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We work with school districts, schools, and individuals to provide high quality, affordable SAT preparation in the Houston metropolitan area. The University SAT Prep program realizes that not all students have the same needs. We have designed an array of courses to help meet the different needs.

Which of these options is right for me?

School Districts and Schools:

The University SAT Prep Programs offers each of these four options in the schools. We bring our teachers to your location and host these classes for your students.

Students and Parents:

Check with your local high school to see whether the University SAT Prep Course is sponsored by your school. If not, contact us for information on the public classes available in your area.

Small Groups:

If you have a group of 20 or more students and would like to schedule a private class, please contact us for details.

Option 1: The University SAT Prep Course

The University SAT Prep Course is a 40-hour course that includes the following:

- ✍ A full-length diagnostic exam
- ✍ Two full-length practice exams
- ✍ Three personalized score reports
- ✍ 27 hours of SAT instruction
- ✍ A 3-hour University Admissions Information Seminar
- ✍ Motivating incentives
- ✍ One-year online SAT course
- ✍ Online Career Inventory

Option 3: The University SAT Prep Short Course

The University SAT Prep Short Course is a 20-hour course that includes the following:

- ✍ A full-length diagnostic exam
- ✍ A personalized score report
- ✍ 16.5 hours of SAT instruction
- ✍ Motivating incentives

Option 2: The University SAT Prep Semester Course

The University SAT Prep Semester Course is an in-school, semester-long course that includes the following:

- ✍ A full-length diagnostic exam
- ✍ Two or more full-length practice exams
- ✍ Personalized score reports after each exam
- ✍ Instruction as part of a regularly scheduled course during the school day
- ✍ A 3-hour University Admissions Information Seminar
- ✍ Motivating incentives
- ✍ One-year online SAT course
- ✍ Online Career Inventory

Option 4: The University SAT Prep Crash Course

The University SAT Prep Crash Course is an 8-hour, one-day course that includes the following:

- ✍ An optional full-length diagnostic exam
- ✍ A personalized score report, if the diagnostic exam is taken
- ✍ 8 hours of SAT instruction

FAQs on the New SAT

Q: What's new about the New SAT?

A: The New SAT has three sections: Math, Critical Reading ("verbal"), and Writing, each worth a maximum of 800 points. The perfect score is now 2400.

Q: How is the New SAT math section different?

A: The Quantitative Comparisons have been dropped from the Math section, but higher-level math questions from Algebra II have been added and there is more focus on the higher-level concepts that are already tested.

Q: How is the New SAT verbal section different?

A: First, the name has changed from "Verbal" to "Critical Reading," reflecting the increased emphasis on reading. The Analogy questions have been dropped. The test still has Sentence Completion questions and Critical Reading passages and questions. Shorter critical reading passages have been added.

Q: Is there really an essay on the New SAT?

A: Yes! The New SAT has a complete Writing Section, which consists of a 25-minute persuasive essay and two multiple-choice grammar sections. To be prepared for this new Writing Section, students need to be able to analyze a topic and write a persuasive essay in a short period of time. They also need

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to be able to recognize correct and incorrect usage of the rules of Standard Written American English.

Q: Is the New SAT harder than the old SAT?

A: For most students, yes. The new SAT requires a stronger knowledge of higher-level math concepts. It also requires stronger reading skills, a subject area that troubles many students. The demand to write a coherent, persuasive essay in 25 minutes is very intimidating to many students because they are not used to performing under time pressure. Finally, a strong knowledge of grammar is critical to success on the Writing section's multiple-choice questions, and many students have not had English grammar since the 7th grade.

Q: How is the New SAT scored?

A: The maximum score on each of the three sections is 800. The total maximum score is 2400.

Q: How much does the New SAT cost?

A: The registration fee is \$41.50.

FAQs on the SAT

Q: What is the SAT?

A: The SAT is one of the most important tests a high school student will take. It is a 3 hour and 45 minute standardized exam required for college admissions by most colleges and universities across the country.

Q: How many times can I take the SAT?

A: There is no real limit to the number of times you can take the SAT, but every time you take the test, your score goes on your permanent record. While some highly selective colleges prefer for students to take the SAT a maximum of two or three times, most schools do not care. So, you can take the SAT early and often, working hard to improve your score every time.

Q: Should I take the SAT more than once?

A: Although there is no guarantee that your score will improve, many students find that, if they prepare, their SAT score increases when they retake the exam.

Q: What do colleges and universities do if I have multiple scores?

A: Each college and university determines its own policy on multiple scores. The good news is that many schools take the highest score for each section, regardless of which test it is on. Suppose a student takes the test three times and makes his highest math score on the first test, his highest critical reading score on the

second test, and his highest writing score on the third test. Many schools will get a "combined SAT score" by adding his highest math, critical reading, and writing scores together, even though those scores come from three different test administrations.

Q: What difference does my SAT score make?

A: Your SAT score is used for two very important decisions: 1) college admissions and 2) scholarships, grants, and other funding. Not only will a great SAT score open doors to better, more prestigious schools, but it will also allow you to qualify for scholarships and grants to pay for your education.

Q: Will the University SAT Prep Course help me prep for the PSAT?

A: Yes! The new PSAT and SAT are very similar, testing almost all of the same concepts and including almost all of the same question types. Taking the University SAT Prep Course will definitely help you prepare for the PSAT. Plus, it will give you a head start on preparing for the SAT.

? Want to start prepping now?

Register **NOW** and get immediate access to our online SAT Prep course (valid for ONE YEAR).

The 8 Keys to the University SAT Prep Course

1 Realistic Diagnostic Tests

All University SAT Prep students take an initial diagnostic test. This test is a full-length, professionally proctored exam that provides students with a realistic experience and a baseline score. Additional tests are taken throughout the course. These exams allow students to reinforce the techniques they have learned, practice their newfound skills, and build the mental and physical stamina to perform their very best on the actual exam.

2 Great Instructors

University SAT Prep instructors are carefully selected and rigorously trained to ensure that students have a great classroom experience that is interactive and highly effective. University SAT Prep instructors not only know the test, they also know how to teach the test. They communicate clearly, listen well, and strive to help their students reach their full potential.

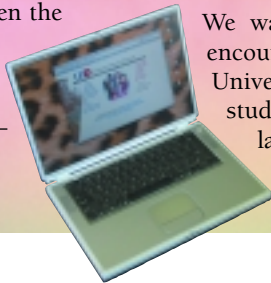
3 Adaptable Course Materials

The foundation of the University SAT Prep Course is our fantastic materials that review all the concepts tested on the exam and provide lots of example and practice problems to enable the students to apply the concepts to test questions. The University SAT Workbook also includes a fully detailed, written explanation for every problem in the Workbook. Additionally, the University SAT Workbook is linked to The College Board's® *The Official SAT Study Guide*, helping students target their studying and make the most of available tools and resources.

4 Individualized Homework Assignments

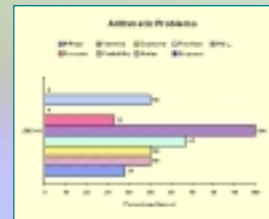
University SAT Prep students receive individualized homework assignments from *The Official SAT Study Guide* based on their skill level in individual content areas. For example, two students in the same class who have different skill levels on a particular content area (e.g., percents) will be assigned different homework problems. Homework assignments develop and strengthen the students' current skill sets and then challenge them to stretch beyond their comfort zone.

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5 Personalized Score Reports

After the diagnostic test and every practice test, University SAT Prep students receive a multi-paged, fully personalized test report that details in clear, easy-to-read graph form the individual student's strengths and weaknesses in each of the content areas tested on the exam.



6 Essential University Admissions Info

What is the ultimate goal of getting a great SAT score? It opens the door to better universities and it qualifies students for scholarships to pay for their education. The SAT is not the only thing that admissions counselors look at, though. So, as part of the University SAT Prep Course, we provide a three-hour informational seminar that is open to students and their parents. In this seminar, a university admissions specialist provides vital information on university admissions, scholarship applications, and writing effective application essays.

7 Valuable Online SAT Prep and Career Inventory

All University SAT Prep students are also enrolled in a one-year online SAT prep course (a \$199 value). Students have access to this program as soon as they register for the University SAT Prep Course. In addition, the University SAT Prep program provides students access to an online Career Inventory so they can identify their skills and interests and then match them with related careers, university majors, and classes. The Inventory is a great place for students to identify and research the majors and universities most attractive to them.

8 Motivating Incentives

We want our students to reach their full potential. To help encourage them to stretch for their highest possible score, the University SAT Prep program provides irresistible incentives for students who take our prep courses. Top achievers receive a laptop computer.

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