

SAT Preparation Course Syllabus

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1. SAT Preparation Course Schedule

The most limiting factor in SAT preparation for most students is time. It is fairly easy to prepare someone for the SAT in 200 hours. However, it takes significantly more teaching experience and techniques to do so in less time. Our preparation is tailored to busy individuals. We will teach you what you need to know in the least amount of time.

The course consists of a mix of lectures and exercises in each session, with ample time allotted for answering sample questions and receiving personalized attention from the instructors. The course is structured so that both the novice and expert test-takers will learn valuable techniques for eliminating wrong answers and choosing correct ones. Each question is discussed in-depth with a step-by-step analysis of the thought processes required to arrive at the correct solution.

An approximate schedule of each of our regular courses is listed below. **All topics of the course are presented: Writing, Critical Reading, and Mathematics. We may mix their order based on a variety of factors. We may also make slight adjustments to tailor the course to the needs of the participants based on all the communications exchanged prior to the course.**

Please note: Our courses can sometimes start a bit earlier or later than the published schedule on our website, or be moved from weekend nights to weekend mornings or afternoons. Please check your registration confirmation for the starting time and subject of your course! We may also teach a bit longer on the first sessions if we feel the participants may benefit from this. So please do not make early appointments on your class days.

Long Courses (Major International Cities; 28 Hours: 7 Sessions; 4 Hours Per Class/Test)

4 Classes - 4 Hours/Session; 3 Proctored Mock Tests – 4 Hours/Test

4-week course. Classes are given on four consecutive Saturdays or Sundays.

Mock Tests are administered on 3 Saturdays or Sundays. Typical time: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

(Suggested Break 1: 10-minute break 2 hours after the start)

(Suggested Break 2: 5-minute break 3 hours after the start)

(More breaks are at instructor's discretion based on the length of the session and students' request.)

(Homework: Problems will be assigned by instructor based on the question type and topic covered.)

Math 1/2	Arithmetic Algebra I	Verbal 1/2	Writing Topics: - Improving Sentences - Error Identification - Improving Paragraphs - Essay
Math 3/4	Algebra II Geometry Advanced Topics	Verbal 3/4	Critical Reading Topics: - Reading Comprehension - Sentence Completion
Mock Test 1		Mock Test 2	
Mock Test 3			

Long Courses (Selected Locations; 28 Hours: 11 Sessions; 2 Hours Per Class; 4 Hours Per Test)

8 Classes - 2 Hours/Session; 3 Proctored Mock Tests – 4 Hours/Test

4-week or 8-week course. Classes are given twice a week for 4 weeks or once a week for 8 weeks consecutively.

Mock Tests are administered on 3 Saturdays or Sundays. Typical time: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

(Suggested Break: 1 10-minute break 1 hour after the start)

(More breaks are at instructor’s discretion based on the length of the session and students’ request.)

(Homework: Problems will be assigned by instructor based on the question type and topic covered.)

Math 1	Arithmetic	Verbal 1	Writing Topics: - Improving Sentences - Error Identification
Math 2	Algebra I	Verbal 2	Writing Topics: - Improving Paragraphs - Essay
Mock Test 1		Mock Test 2	
Math 3	Algebra II	Verbal 3	Critical Reading Topics: - Reading Comprehension
Math 4	Geometry Advanced Topics	Verbal 4	Critical Reading Topics: - Sentence Completion
Mock Test 3			

Online Courses (Global Access; 28 Hours: 7 Sessions; 4 Hours Per Class)

7 Classes - 4 Hours/Session including 3 Review Sessions of Self-Administered Mock Tests

7-week course. Classes are given once a week for 7 weeks.

(Suggested Break 1: 10-minute break 2 hours after the start)

(Suggested Break 2: 5-minute break 3 hours after the start)

(More breaks are at instructor’s discretion based on the length of the session and students’ request.)

(Homework: Problems will be assigned by instructor based on the question type and topic covered.)

Math 1	Arithmetic	Verbal 1	Writing Topics: - Improving Sentences - Error Identification
Math 2	Algebra I	Verbal 2	Writing Topics: - Improving Paragraphs - Essay
Mock Test 1 – Review Session		Mock Test 2 – Review Session	
Math 3	Algebra II	Verbal 3	Critical Reading Topics: - Reading Comprehension
Math 4	Geometry Advanced Topics	Verbal 4	Critical Reading Topics: - Sentence Completion
Mock Test 3 – Review Session			

2. Welcome to Manhattan Review!

Congratulations on taking your first step towards admission to the university of your choice. You are now ready to prepare yourself for a great advancement in your career. As you know, admission to top colleges is highly competitive; therefore, you must put a lot of work into preparation for the SAT.

Our mission is clear and simple: We are here to provide you with the best possible preparation for the SAT. Our course will enable you to score your very best on the test!

3. About Manhattan Review

Manhattan Review, founded in 1999 by Dr. Joern Meissner, is a multi-national educational services firm, focusing on GMAT, SAT & TOEFL Preparation, as well as LSAT and GRE, Admissions Consulting, and Career Training. It is operated by graduates of Ivy League doctoral and MBA programs. The headquarters is located in New York.

Our SAT Courses & Services

- In-Person Courses (Major International Cities; 28 Hours, 4-week Weekend, 4/8-week Weekday)
- Online Courses – Anywhere (Global Access; 28 Hours 7-week Weekend)
- Private Tutoring (Selected Locations)
- Online Recording Library – Anywhere (Global Access)

Our College Admissions Services

- Dedicated School Pack (Global)
- Application Strategy Advisory Service (Global)
- Resume & Essay Review (Global)
- Mock Interview (Selected Locations)

Our Interviews by Media

- Business Week
- Newsweek
- FAZ (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)

4. Overview of SAT Preparation

Preparation for the SAT requires an investment of time. In our course, we will help you manage your preparation time and supply you with the essential tools necessary to achieve a high score on the exam. There is no doubt that a high SAT Score will greatly increase your chances of attaining admission to the university of your choice.

Originally, our course was targeted exclusively at candidates who had to obtain extremely high scores, because their desired programs were so competitive. Experience has shown, however, that after taking our course even candidates who did not plan to apply to a highly selective program achieved scores well beyond their expectations.

Below you will find a tentative class schedule and a detailed description of the topics covered in the course. If you still have any questions after reading this document, please do not hesitate to call us or write us an email.

5. Our Expert Instructors

One of the factors that led to the creation of our course was the dissatisfaction with available SAT preparation. The big test prep companies often hire people who either have never set a foot in any prestigious university classroom or are still in school. Often, their teachers do not have any prior experience in teaching classes at a college level. In marked contrast, our course is taught by Ivy League educated teachers from Columbia University and other top schools who have had extensive teaching experience and are highly accomplished in a variety of areas. Members of the faculty include graduates from the doctoral program at Columbia Business School and accomplished teachers who have taught college or graduate level classes. All our teachers have performed extremely well on various standardized tests. There is simply no better way to ace the SAT than to learn from instructors who have been admitted to top schools and have actually taught in prestigious university programs! For instructor bios, please visit our website.

6. Our Course Materials

All SAT students will receive the College Board's *The Official SAT Study Guide* complete with 8 Real SATs, as well as specially designed Manhattan Review lesson materials, including in-class handouts, vocabulary worksheets, detailed post-class answer pamphlets, homework with answer keys, practice test review materials, and a mid-course quiz.

Manhattan Review's SAT content covers the following key features:

- 100+ SAT Vocabulary Words
- Complete Writing Essay Workshop with Score Interpretation
- An Extensive Grammar Review, including Comparisons, Parallelism, and Idioms
- Reading Comprehension Time-Saving Techniques
- Full Review of All Individual Question Types
- The Basic Philosophies of Number Theory
- Complete Preparation for Word Problems and Algebraic Translation
- In-Depth Overview of SAT Geometry, including Graphed Function Interpretation
- Strategies for Rare Math Question Types: Data Interpretation, Statistics and Probability
- Educated Guessing Strategies

SAT Preparation Course Syllabus

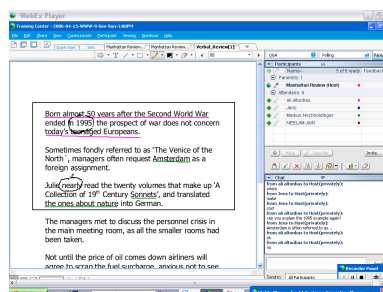
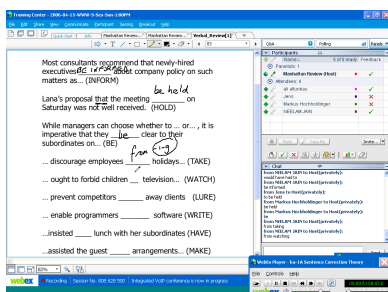
7. In-Person Vs. Online Classes

Please visit our YouTube channel for free videos: www.youtube.com/ManhattanReview

Our In-Person Classes



Our Real-Time Interactive Online Classes



8. Topics Covered in the Writing Review

Writing Section Overview

The Essay evaluates your writing ability required in college, including:

- Developing a point of view
- Presenting ideas logically and clearly
- The use of precise language

The Multiple-Choice Questions focus on grammar and usage.

I. They assess your ability to

- Use language in a clear, consistent manner
- Improve writing through revision and editing

II. They mainly test the use of grammatical rules, not vocabulary definitions or spelling.

- Parts of speech are not tested outright, but are essential to answering questions correctly.
- The same is true for the basic structure of sentences, phrases, and clauses.
- Punctuation is only tested to the extent of its use in sentence structure.

Writing Multiple-Choice Section Format

Questions: Improving Sentences, Identifying Sentence Errors, Improving Paragraphs
Avg. Time per Question: 1.5 min

Below is a detailed outline of key topics to be covered in class.

Improving Sentences

Number of this Q type: 25 (most popular writing multiple-choice) vs 49 in total (>50%)
Where Qs will appear: Both Writing Multiple-Choice Sections
Avg. Time per Question: 1.5 min
Tested Concepts: Ability to recognize ineffective writing & write clear, accurate sentences

Error Identification

Number of this Q type: 18
Where Qs will appear: First of the two Writing Multiple-Choice Sections
Avg. Time per Question: 1 min
Tested Concepts: Certain basic grammar rules

Improving Paragraphs

Number of this Q type: 6 Qs pertaining to 1 passage
Where Qs will appear: First of the two Writing Multiple-Choice Sections
Avg. Time per Question: 2 min to read passage, 1 min per Q
Tested Concepts: Revising essays

9. Topics Covered in the Critical Reading Review

The Sentence Completions test your knowledge of vocabulary:

- Recognition of word roots, prefixes and suffixes
- The effective and accurate use of synonyms and antonyms
- Understanding of cause/effect relationships in sentences

The Reading Comprehension passages assess your ability to:

- Manage time effectively for both short and long passages
- Identify and apply the author's point of view and opinions
- Make accurate inferences and predictions
- Interpret literary texts as well as academic texts, and navigate their different styles
- Locate specific details within a passage
- Understand the overall structure of a passage
- Compare and contrast two passages at a time

Critical Reading Format

Questions: Sentence Completions, Reading Comprehension Passages: Short, Long, Comparative
Avg. Time per Question: 1.5 min

Below is a detailed outline of key topics to be covered in class.

Sentence Completions

Number of this Q type: 19
Where Qs will appear: All three Critical Reading Multiple-Choice Sections
Avg. Time per Question: 1 min
Tested Concepts: Vocabulary skills, sentence interpretation

Reading Comprehension

Number of this Q type: 48 (Short Passage: 4; Long Passage: 28; Comparative: 16)
Where Qs will appear: All three Critical Reading Multiple-Choice Sections
Avg. Time per Question: 1 min per question, not including time spent reading
Tested Concepts: Finding author’s point of view, understanding passage structure, locating details, making inferences

Sentence Completions

Single Space Sentences

- Spot vocabulary in context (synonyms, antonyms)
- Make logic-based choices of vocabulary

Double Space Sentences

- Select/eliminate word pairs based on each word individually
- See cause/effect relationships in sentences

Reading Comprehension Passages

Short Passages – Check Qs 1st

Long Passages – Read & Make notes 1st

Comparative Passages – Think Compare/Contrast

- Don’t use previous knowledge, only passage material!
- Recognize the question types: Main Idea, Detail, Inference, Vocabulary-in-Context and others.
- Navigate different genres: Literary Fiction, Natural Science, Social Science, History, Persuasive Opinion

10. Topics Covered in the Mathematics Review

Arithmetic

Number of this Q type: 8-10
Where Qs will appear: All Three Mathematics Sections

Number Theory

- Integers
- Fractions/Decimals
- Positive/Negative, Even/Odd
- Number Line
- Multiples/Factors

Operations

Other Topics

- Sequences/Sets
- Logical Reasoning
- Permutations/Combinations
- Averages (Mean, Median, Mode)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Word Problems/Translation - Squares/Square Root; Cubes/Cubed Root - Rate formula - Ratio 	
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Algebra

Number of this Q type: 20-22
Where Qs will appear: All Three Mathematics Sections

<p>Equations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solvable equations - PEMDAS - Unsolvable equations - Translation - Linear - Rational <p>Factoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difference of 2 squares - Quadratic Equations - Exponents - Absolute Value 	<p>Inequalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Variation - Linear - Rational <p>Functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Definitions - Graph Interpretation - Direct/Inverse Variation - Linear - Quadratic
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Geometry

Number of this Q type: 15-17
Where Qs will appear: All Three Mathematics Sections

<p>Points and Lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Midpoint - Distance between points - Coordinates - Angles <p>Triangles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perimeter/Area - Congruency/Similarity - Rule of Triangle Inequality - Triangle Types/Special Triangles - Right Triangles/Pythagorean Theorem 	<p>Polygons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quadrilaterals - Angle Formula <p>Circles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circumference/Area - Arc/Tangent/Chords <p>Solid Geometry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cubes/Rectangular Solids - Prisms/Cylinders - Cones/Pyramids - Volume/Surface Area
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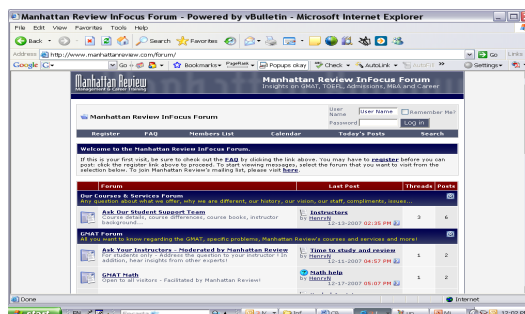
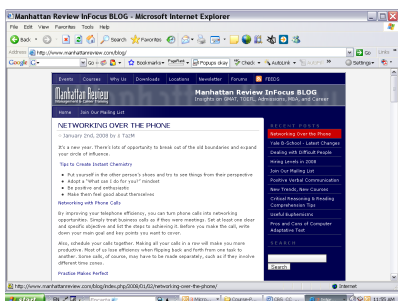
Other Mathematical Concepts

Number of this Q type: 3-5
Where Qs will appear: All Three Mathematics Sections

<p>Data Interpretation Statistics</p>	<p>Probability</p>
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11. Support after the Course

Your benefits will not end after attending our course! Manhattan Review's faculty will always be available to answer questions you may have in our InFocus Forum and share their insights in our InFocus Blog. In addition to various private tutoring and online recording library services, we provide a full range of MBA Admissions consulting services including, but not limited to, Application Strategy Advice, Essay Review, Resume Review, Dedicated Elite School Dedicated Packages and more.



Online Library Access – Unlimited!!

We offer students unlimited access to our online recording library. This is to further assist you in your post-class preparation for the test and to help you gain a lasting memory of key techniques.

Existing Online Course/Online Tutoring Students – Price: FREE

Existing In-Person Course/Tutoring Students – Price: 150 USD

Standalone Package – Price: 250 USD

Tutoring

Our tutoring services are arranged individually to tailor to your special needs. You will have an opportunity to speak or meet with a tutor and decide upon a mutually convenient schedule. In general, sessions are 2 hours each to help maximize efficiency and effectiveness. Our course books are offered at a 50% discount as a separate purchase for any tutoring students.

In-Person SAT Tutoring Packages

(Location: New York, London, Munich, Hong Kong, Singapore, Other Selected European & Asian Cities)

Mini Pack (2-5 hours) – Hourly Rate: 85 USD

Basic Pack (6-10 hours) – Hourly Rate: 80 USD

Advanced Pack (>10 hours) – Hourly Rate: 75 USD

Existing Course Students – Hourly Rate: 70 USD

Interactive Online SAT Tutoring Packages (Location: Global via Webex Online Platform)

Mini Pack (2-5 hours) – Hourly Rate: 80 USD

Basic Pack (6-10 hours) – Hourly Rate: 75 USD

Advanced Pack (>10 hours) – Hourly Rate: 70 USD

For discounted GMAT, TOEFL, GRE, LSAT tutoring prices, please visit our website for details!

Dedicated School Packages

Manhattan Review’s Admissions Consulting staff consists exclusively of former admissions committee members and graduates from the top Ivy League schools. They have years of experience in reviewing resumes, interviewing prospective students and new hires, coaching on school and career choices, and advising on how to best present yourself to different schools.

Our Dedicated School Packages are tailored to fit your individual needs and goals from start to finish. We are dedicated to helping you get into your top-choice schools. These packages give you the end-to-end, comprehensive guidance for your entire admissions process.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Assessment of Fit 2.) Goal-setting 3.) Application Strategy Formulation 4.) Application Guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Selection of Meaningful Experiences in a Coherent Manner b. Presentation of Strengths and Value in a Convincing Format c. Construction of a Powerful Resume 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.) Application Guidance – Cont’d <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Crafting of Persuasive Essays b. Solicitation of Effective Recommendation Letters 6.) Preparation for Great Interviews 7.) Additional Guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Advice on Scholarship/Loan Applications b. Waitlist/Deferral Strategy c. Re-application Strategy
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Dedicated School Pack – One School – Price: 1900 USD
 Dedicated School Pack – Two Schools – Price: 2800 USD
 Dedicated School Pack – Three Schools – Price: 3700 USD

Essay Review & Resume Review

Our essays and resume review services are also arranged individually depending upon the specific package requested either for one school or many different schools. The turnaround time is generally 2 – 5 days, at most one week. Timing will also depend on the level of revision or review. You will have an opportunity to speak with your reviewer to go over the revisions and our recommendations.

Single Essay Review – Price: 125 USD
 Essay Review Mini Pack – Resume/CV & 1 long or 2 short essays - Price: 200 USD
Essay Review Basic Pack – Resume/CV & all essays per school - Price: 450 USD
Essay Review Advanced Pack –Resume/CV & all essays for 2 schools - Price: 800 USD

***Please note that we can not write the essay for you. You will need to send in a draft of your essay along with all the question(s) asked in the application. Additional rush fees may apply for short turnaround.

12. SAT Snapshot

SAT Overview

There are 10 Sections in the SAT:
 3 Critical Reading multiple-choice, 3 Mathematics multiple-choice, 2 Writing multiple-choice, 1 Essay, and 1 unscored section.
 Total test time: about 4.0 hours

Please note:

- The SAT is a paper-based exam. Each test taker receives the same scored sections, but not necessarily in the same order.

- Extra scratch paper is provided to test takers. All booklets must be collected by testing proctors and all scratch paper must be thrown away before leaving the testing center.
- For the Mathematics section, a calculator may be used. Only four-function, scientific, and graphing calculators may be used. Phones, PDAs, printing calculators, calculators that make noise, calculators with a raised or extra-large screen, laptops, and calculator watches are not permitted.
- For the Writing essay section, test takers must write in pencil, not pen. No pens are permitted in the testing center. Mechanical pencils are not permitted.

Scores & Fees

The SAT provides five scores: three multiple-choice section scores for Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing, an essay score, and a total score. Each multiple-choice section is on a 200-800 scale. The total score is the sum of the three multiple-choice section scores. The range of total scores could be anywhere from 600-2400. It is valid for *five years*.

Each section of the SAT differs slightly in its scoring method.

- **Writing**, the newest section on the SAT, is divided into a short essay and two multiple-choice sections. The essay is given a score of 0 to 6, with 6 being the highest score, by two human graders. The two scores are added together to create the complete essay score. The essay score will influence your overall writing score.
- **Critical Reading** and **Mathematics** consist of three multiple-choice sections. In addition to multiple-choice questions, mathematics will include 10 student-produced response questions, for which no penalty is given for a wrong answer.

SAT Scoring

<i>Question Type</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>Wrong</i>	<i>Blank</i>
Multiple Choice	+1 pt.	-1/4 pt. 0	
Math Grid-In	+1pt.	0	0
Essay	2-12		0 (also if written in pen, illegible, or off topic)

The end score report should be available online three weeks after the test, and by mail after approximately a month. It will provide not only your overall score, but also the scores you received on each section.

The SAT is offered seven times a year. The most popular administration has traditionally been the May exam, but the SAT is also offered in June, October, November, December, January, and February/March. Registration is required approximately one month before the exam date.

The normal fee to take the SAT test is US \$45. However, this price varies based on the country where it is being administered. To register for the SAT, visit <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html>. Registering by telephone has an additional fee. It is possible to register late for the SAT, but an additional fee will apply. No fees are refundable.

Score Distribution for SAT Scores (Source: College Board)

Score, 2400 Scale (official, 2006)	Percentile
2400	99.93/99.98*
≥2300	99+
≥2200	99
≥2140	98
≥2100	97
≥1900	88
≥1800	83
≥1770	78
≥1700	72
≥1600	61
≥1500	48
≥1400	36
≥1200	15
≥1010	4
≥790	1

Format of SAT

Section	# of Quest.	Time Allowed	Question Types & Numbers	Section Score Range
Writing	49 + Essay	Two 25 min sections (one essay, one multiple choice section); One 10 min section 60 minutes in total	Improving Sentences (25 questions) Identifying Sentence Errors (18 questions) Improving Paragraphs (6 questions) Essay (1) 49 questions in total + Essay	200-800
Critical Reading	67	Two 25 min sections; One 20 min section; 70 minutes in total	Sentence Completion (19 questions) Passage-based Reading (48 questions) 67 questions in total	200-800
Math	54	Two 25 min sections; One 20 min section; 70 minutes in total	Multiple Choice (44 questions) Grid-in (10 questions) 54 questions in total	200-800
Total Time		3 hours 45 minutes		600-2400