

ACT Regular Course Outline

Ivy Global's Regular Course provides a review of the English, Reading, Math, and Science content on the ACT, a thorough analysis of the optional Essay, and in-depth coverage of the most effective strategies for each section. The course includes two full-length diagnostic exams (first and last classes), and six 4-hour classes of engaging lecture, collaborative activities, and consistent practice.

- Total class time: 32 hours
- Class schedule:
 - 8 4-hour classes, weekly on Saturdays or Sundays during the academic year, or four days a week (Monday-Thursday) for two weeks during the summer
- Approximate homework time: 1-2 hours per day (with optional extra homework)

Course Format

Ivy Global's ACT courses are designed to provide a balance of guided instruction, collaborative discussion and group work, and opportunities for realistic practice testing. Students work both collaboratively and individually as they apply new strategies, with the instructor serving as an approachable mentor.

Each class includes:

- Engaging lecture, to introduce strategy and new content
- Collaborative problem-solving, to tackle difficult problems early in the course
- Realistic mock test-taking, to ensure that students are well prepared for true test conditions
- Team-based competition, to make memorization a little less tedious!

Students receive the following evaluations and feedback:

- A full-length initial and final diagnostic test, taken under realistic conditions
- Daily homework review, to explain challenging questions and to reinforce understanding of new content
- Regular math, reading, grammar, and data analysis practice
- Helpful analysis and grading of 3 full essays
- A detailed score report that indicates students' strengths and weaknesses in various areas of each ACT section
- A detailed, personalized final report, summarizing the student's progress and providing advice for future studying

Course Syllabus

Ivy Global's Regular Course provides a thorough review of both the content and most effective strategies for all five sections of the ACT: English, Reading, Math, Science, and the optional Writing Test.

Days 1-4

- 3-hour initial diagnostic test (essay written at home)
- Overview of test structure and content
- Assessment of individual strengths, weaknesses, and goals
- Introduction to general multiple-choice strategies and test-preparation strategies
- Introduction to the **English Test**: overview, strategies for moving through the passages, answering multiple-choice questions, and review of the most relevant grammar and punctuation rules
- Introduction to the **Math Test**: overview of format and content, strategies for approaching word problems and multiple-choice questions, review of key concepts and formulae to memorize
- Introduction to the **Writing Test (optional essay)**: Overview, strategies for structuring and writing a short argumentative essay
- Introduction to the **Reading Test**: overview of format, and strategies for passage reading and answering questions efficiently and confidently
- **Science Test**: introduction to format and content, strategies for skimming the passages, summarizing data, and answering multiple-choice questions.

Days 5-8

- **Math Test**: Review of advanced algebra, trigonometry, exponents and logarithms, data analysis, and any other ACT Math topic that students are struggling with
- **Math** shortcuts: how to arrive at the correct answer as quickly as possible
- **Science Test**: In-depth analysis of passage types, question types, and how to approach each passage
- **English Test**: Instruction on advanced grammar rules, sentence structure improvement, and commonly confused words and idioms
- Strategies for more advanced **English Test** questions
- **Writing Test** preparation: class review of sample prompts, strategies for developing theses and counter-arguments, and group creation of essay outline
- Advice for future study, planning personalized schedules
- Introduction to and discussion of focus and stress-management strategies
- Full review of ACT structure and strategies
- Full-length final diagnostic exam (including full-length essay) and full score report

Course Materials

Each student receives a copy of the Ivy Global *ACT Guide*, which not only explains tested concepts in each scored section, but also details strategies, reference materials, study plans, practice drill questions for each section, 13 practice essay prompts, 6 sample essays (with a range of scores), and 3 full-length practice tests.

Each student also receives a copy of *The Official ACT Prep Guide (2016-2017)*, by the makers of the ACT, which includes 3 past tests.