

# SAT Crash Course Outline

Ivy Global's Crash Course provides a condensed review of the Reading, Writing, and Math content on the SAT, plus an introduction to the most effective strategies for each section. The course also provides an introduction to the new optional Essay. The course includes one mini-diagnostic exam (first class) and one full-length diagnostic exam (last class), and four 4-hour classes of engaging lecture, rigorous reinforcement of new content, and consistent practice. In addition, students will work with the instructor to develop a long-term study plan for their preparation beyond the end of the class.

- Total class time: 24 hours
- Class schedule:
  - 4-hour classes, weekly on Saturdays or Sundays during the academic year, or one week (Monday-Saturday) during vacation
- Approximate homework time: 1-2 hours per day (with optional extra homework)

## Course Format

Ivy Global's SAT courses are designed to provide a balance of guided instruction, collaborative discussion and group work, and realistic practice opportunities. 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 vocabulary building a little less tedious!

Students receive the following evaluations and feedback:

- A 2-hr initial diagnostic test: a shortened version of an official SAT exam
- Frequent vocabulary quizzing, in the form of a written quiz or team-based competition
- Daily homework review, to explain challenging questions and to reinforce new content
- Regular math, reading, and grammar practice
- Helpful analysis and grading of student essays
- A final 4-hour diagnostic test taken under realistic conditions

## Course Syllabus

Ivy Global's Crash Course provides a concise review of both the content and most effective

strategies for all three scored sections of the SAT: Reading, Writing, and Math. It also includes an introduction to the new optional Essay.

#### Days 1-3

- Initial diagnostic exam (half-length 2-hour SAT test): assessment of individual strengths, weaknesses, and goals
- Introduction to the Reading Test: strategies for passage reading, and introduction to vocabulary building
- Introduction to the Writing Test: strategies for answering multiple-choice questions, and review of important grammar rules

#### Days 4-6

- Introduction to the Math Test: strategies for multiple-choice and grid-in questions, and review of key concepts
- Introduction to the optional Essay: strategies for structuring and writing an essay, and class review of sample prompts and analysis
- Further study: recommended strategies and building a personalized schedule
- Final diagnostic exam (including full-length essay) and full score report

## Course Materials

Ivy Global uses only the best explanatory texts, chosen from the full range of SAT materials available.

Each student receives a copy of the Ivy Global *New SAT Guide*, the most complete and thorough SAT textbook, that introduces not only the tested concepts in each scored section, but also details strategies, reference materials, study plans, vocabulary and root lists, practice drill questions for each section, 7 practice essay prompts, and 3 full-length practice tests.

Each student also receives a copy of College Board's *The Official SAT Study Guide*.