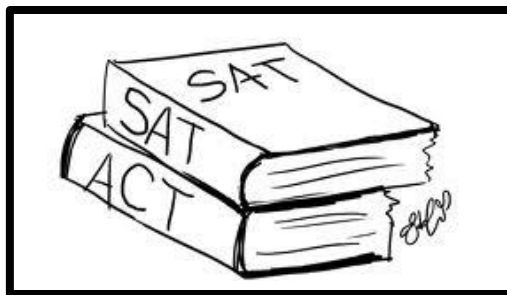


College Testing Information 2014-2015

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Most four-year colleges and universities require either the SAT Reasoning test or the ACT Plus Writing test as part of their admissions process. Students are encouraged to take either or both tests for the first time at the end of their Junior year, and then to take the test(s) again at the beginning of their Senior year to see if they can improve their scores. (Athletes who have registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center should identify NCAA as one of their test score recipients.)

SAT Reasoning Test

Description: Multiple-choice tests for math, critical reading and writing, plus one 25-minute essay
Duration: 3 hours, 45 minutes
Cost: \$52.50 (Fee waivers are available in Counseling Office for students who qualify.)
Scoring: 2400 points possible; penalty for incorrect answers
Registration: www.collegeboard.org

Test Dates

October 11, 2014
November 8, 2014
December 6, 2014
January 24, 2015
March 14, 2015
May 2, 2015
June 6, 2015

Registration Dates

September 12, 2014
October 9, 2014
November 6, 2014
December 29, 2014
February 13, 2015
April 6, 2015
May 8, 2015

ACT Plus Writing Test

Description: Multiple-choice tests for English, Reading, Math and Science, plus one 30-minute essay
Duration: 3 hours, 25 minutes
Cost: \$54.50 (Fee waivers are available in Counseling Office for students who qualify.)
Scoring: 36 points possible; no penalty for incorrect answers
Registration: www.actstudent.org

Test Dates

September 13, 2014
October 25, 2014
December 13, 2014
February 7, 2015
April 18, 2015
June 13, 2015

Registration Dates

August 8, 2014
September 19, 2014
November 7, 2014
January 9, 2015
March 13, 2015
May 8, 2015

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SAT Subject Tests

SAT Subject Tests are no longer required for UC admission; however, some colleges may require or recommend them for specific programs of study. Students may choose to take SAT Subject Tests to showcase their achievements and highlight their readiness for specific majors.

- Description:** Content-based tests in 5 general subject areas: English, History, Languages, Math and Science
- Duration:** 1 hour; students may take up to 3 different tests in one sitting
- Cost:** \$26.00 (basic fee) plus \$16.00 for each subject. (Fee waivers are available in Counseling Office for students who qualify. There are additional costs for Language Tests with the listening component.)
- Scoring:** 200-800 scale; penalty for incorrect answers
- Registration:** www.collegeboard.org (Same dates as SAT Reasoning EXCEPT March 14)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Recommended Test Timeframe</u>
Literature	End of 11 th grade
U.S. History	End of 11 th grade
World History	End of 10 th grade
Mathematics Level 1	After taking Algebra II (NOTE: UC's will accept only Mathematics Level 2)
Mathematics Level 2	After taking Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
Biology	After taking Biology or AP Biology
Chemistry	After taking Chemistry or AP Chemistry
Physics	After taking Physics or AP Physics
Languages:	After taking 2-3 years of the language
* Chinese with Listening	
* French (or with Listening)	
* German (or with Listening)	
* Italian	
* Japanese with Listening	
* Korean with Listening	
* Latin	
* Modern Hebrew	
* Spanish (or with Listening)	

PSAT National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test

Sophomores and Juniors will take the PSAT on October 15 during the regular school day. The PSAT provides firsthand practice for the SAT and feedback regarding the test-taker's strengths and weaknesses. The PSAT also gives Juniors the opportunity to qualify for scholarships sponsored by the NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation). There is no cost to students.

PRA (Princeton Review Assessment)

Freshmen will take the PRA on October 15 during the regular school day. The PRA is a tool for students to experience both the SAT and the ACT in one four-hour sitting, and then use the results to decide which testing path to take in the college admissions process. There is no cost to students.