

# excel test prep

"The Excel Test ACT program is a hidden gem. It truly familiarized me with the test and dramatically increased my score."

Devan E., ACT Student

## ACT Prep Course

for college admissions

The ACT is a 3 hour (3.5 hours with the Writing section added) exam that high school students take for college admissions. There are four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The ACT Plus Writing exam includes an additional Writing section, which some colleges require. A 36 is a perfect ACT score.

**An Excel Test Prep course is the best way to prepare for the ACT.**

**We offer a variety of formats, so there is a course to suit the needs and schedule of every student.**

### Course Options

Step 1: Choose From 1 of 3 Course Formats

Step 2: Determine a Schedule That Works For You

	1 Full Length Classroom Course	2 Online Course	3 1-on-1 Course
Format	12 classes of 3-4 hours each = 39 hours total Generally 3 classes/wk for 4 weeks.	12 classes that mirror the Full-Length Classroom Course Take the classes at your own pace over 120 days.	14 classes of 2.5-4 hours each = 39 hours total You pick the schedule and location.
How Will I Get Instruction?	Learn in a classroom setting with an instructor.	Learn whenever and wherever through unlimited access to high definition online video lessons.	Learn with a private tutor at our office or at your house.
Pricing	\$849: early registration \$749: with 10 person group discount	\$699 \$499 if as supplement	\$3,499: Excel Main Office \$4,499: Student's home in San Francisco Bay Area
Discounts	Eligible for Group Discounts: 3-4 people: \$25 off each 5-9 people: \$50 off each 10+ people: \$100 off each	Save \$200 if you sign up for both the classroom/1-on-1 and online course at the same time	Can be done in small groups. 50% off for each student after the first student.
Additional Recommended Practice	Platinum Exam Club* and/or 1-on-1 Tutoring <small>*Only available to students local to San Francisco Bay Area</small>		

#### Included in course fees for all San Francisco Bay Area based students:

- Coverage of all the topics that appear on the ACT, including a complete Writing Strategy
- FREE** 6-month subscription to Exam Club

#### All course fees include:

- Excel Test Course Manual & books (with **FREE** 2-day shipping for online students)
- Computerized feedback & analysis on ACT tests
- Over 1,400 pages of course materials including ACT, Inc.'s *The Real ACT Prep Guide*

#### 1-on-1 Tutoring:

- 1-on-1 Tutoring is available for all subjects and can be scheduled by the hour. Highly qualified tutors can work with you from 10 am - 9 pm seven days a week. Tutoring is \$129 per hour if done at the Fremont Main Office or \$199 per hour if done at the student's home. Purchase 10 hours of tutoring and receive a 10% discount. Platinum Exam Club members who have completed an ACT course also receive a discount on all ACT tutoring done at the Fremont office.

### Sample ACT Course Schedule

- Class 1: **ACT Exam #1**
- Class 2: English
- Class 3: Reading Comp 1
- Class 4: Science 1
- Class 5: Math 1
- Class 6: **ACT Exam #2**
- Class 7: Writing
- Class 8: Reading Comp 2
- Class 9: Math 2
- Class 10: Science 2
- Class 11: **ACT Exam #3**
- Class 12: Math 3

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**ACT Course**  
12 Classes



**Free Extra Service**  
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**(4 weeks)**

**(6 months)**

### Top 10 Reasons To Choose Excel Test Prep

1. We have produced a record number of perfect scorers.
2. Highly qualified, dynamic teachers keep you engaged while teaching unique strategies.
3. Our score improvement guarantee is the best around!
4. Our materials are based off real exams, not simulated questions.
5. The free subscription to Exam Club gives you the practice you need to really boost your scores.
6. You can learn your way - live, online, or with a 1-on-1 instructor.
7. Our teachers frequently take the ACT to stay current on any changes.
8. You can take the class with your friends and receive a group discount.
9. It's plain and simple - our classes are fun and we give out prizes to keep students excited.
10. We have served California for years and are one of the fastest growing test preparation companies in the nation.

## Course Benefits

**4 POINT SCORE INCREASE GUARANTEE!\*** We guarantee that if you come to every class and do all of the homework, you will have *at least a 4 point increase* in your ACT Score. If not, you will be allowed to retake the next available course (See student agreement for details).

**EXAM CLUB!** Excel Test Prep has additional ACT exams for extra practice. Students can return for FREE additional practice sessions on the ACT for up to 6 MONTHS after the course is over through the Excel Test Prep Exam Club.

The **PLATINUM EXAM CLUB (PEC)** gives students longer and greater access to the Excel Test library of SAT, PSAT, ACT, AP and Subject Tests. With PEC, students can access the library until they graduate from high school. Not only that, PEC offers students discounted tutoring after their course ends. Enrollment is only \$399 when you register before your ACT course ends. After this, the fee is \$599.

**COMPUTERIZED FEEDBACK!** Excel Test provides computerized grading and feedback after each ACT exam. This will give you information about the various areas you need to focus on to improve your score. All exams given are official ACT exams.

**\$1000 PERFECT SCORE SCHOLARSHIP** If you join an Excel Test ACT course and achieve a perfect score on the ACT, we will give you a **\$1000 Scholarship Guaranteed!**

### GROUP DISCOUNTS!\*

	Core Classroom Course
3-4 people	\$25 discount each person
5-9 people	\$50 discount each person
+10 people	\$100 discount each person

**MAKE-UPS** Scheduling make-up classes is easy with Excel Test. If you have to miss a class or two, you can attend the class with another section running during same period or watch the online version at home. (There is a limit of 4 make-ups per student.)

**ACT & SAT BUNDLES** Excel Test Prep offers the following special package deals for students who may be preparing for more than one exam, want to start an exam early, or want to review through our online courses.

- Sign up for both an SAT/PSAT and ACT classroom course at the same time and receive \$300 off the course starting later.
- Sign up for both the online SAT/PSAT and online ACT courses and receive 50% off the second course.
- Sign up for both the classroom/1-on-1 and online version of the ACT course at the same time and receive \$200 off the online course.

**Visit [www.exceltest.com](http://www.exceltest.com) for course schedules and details.**

\*Our website has complete details, eligibility requirements, and conditions.

# ACT test facts

**About:** The ACT Test is used for college admissions. It is among the most important tests students take in high school.

**Governing Body:** The ACT is created by the ACT, Inc. (Originally known as the American College Testing Program)

**Official Website:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Test Length:** 3 hours (3.5 hours with the Writing section added)

**Test Subjects & Format:** The exam covers four subject areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The ACT Plus Writing exam includes an additional Writing section, which some colleges require for admission.

Subject	Format	What It Includes
English	75 Multiple Choice Questions	Identifying errors in passages and improving grammar, usage and syntax
Math	60 Multiple Choice Questions	Questions on arithmetic operations, algebra, geometry, statistics and probability
Reading	40 Multiple Choice Questions	Reading passages evaluating comprehension skills
Science	40 Multiple Choice Questions	Questions testing interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences
Writing (Optional)	1 Essay	An essay (based on a logical argument) measuring writing and composition skills

**Grading:** Each section is graded on a scale of 1-36. The scores from each section are averaged to create a combined Composite Score with 36 being the highest score possible. If you take both the English Test and the optional Writing Test, your score report will show two additional scores: a Combined English/Writing score on a scale of 1-36 and a Writing subscore on a scale of 1-12.

**Test Dates:** The ACT is offered nationally on seven dates: in September, October, December, February, April, June and July. The specific test dates vary by year.

**Registration:** Register for the official ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). It is wise to sign up 6-8 weeks ahead of time to get your preferred test center and avoid late fees.

**Test Locations:** Students select a test center (usually a local high school) during registration.

**Test Fees:** The exam fees are \$68 (ACT with Writing) or \$52.00 (ACT without Writing). There is an additional \$30 fee for late registration. (Pricing may vary from year to year. Check with the ACT website for the most up-to-date test fee.)

## FAQs

**Should I take the ACT with or without writing?** We recommend students take the ACT Plus Writing exam; however, to see if your college requires the Writing Test, visit <https://actapps.act.org/writPrefRM/>.

**How much high school math do I need before I start preparing for the ACT?** The ACT Math section contains 60 questions covering six content areas: pre-algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry and trigonometry.

**What is a good score?** A good score on the ACT is one that will get you into the college of your choice, so score goals should be based on which college you want to attend. The average score on the ACT is a 21. Below are the *average* scores of incoming freshman for various schools:

School	ACT
Harvard	35
Princeton	35
MIT	35
Stanford	35
Carnegie Mellon	34
Duke University	34
Univ. of Southern Cal.	33
UC Berkeley	33
UCLA	33
Univ. of Virginia	33
UC San Diego	32
NYU	32
Santa Clara University	32
UNC - Chapel Hill	32
Univ. of Texas - Austin	31
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	31
UC Davis	30
UC Santa Barbara	29
San Jose State	26

"Excel Test helped me with the science section of the ACT! I felt more confident and comfortable on the section."

Saumya W., ACT Student

## FAQs CONTINUED

**Does it matter if I take the ACT or the SAT?** Both the ACT and the SAT are nationally administered standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. Most colleges and universities accept both. We recommend that students take both exams and use the higher score. Some students do better on one than the other; however, one is not necessarily easier than the other.

**When should I start preparing for the ACT?** It's always best to start preparing as early as possible so that you have more preparation time to reach your goals. We recommend starting the summer before 11th grade, but students should start preparing no later than the summer before 12th grade.

**How many times can I take the ACT?** You may take the ACT as often as you like. A separate score record is kept for each administration of the exam. Only the score record from the test date requested will be sent to a college. You can request for more than one test date report to be sent to a college.

**What other factors besides ACT scores affect college admissions?** Entrance exams are a large part of admissions decisions, but other factors contribute to your appeal. Class rank, extracurricular activities, major, recommendations, essays, and the interview can influence admissions departments.

## ACT vs. SAT

Understanding the difference between the 2 main college admissions tests (the ACT and the SAT) is important. Students must decide whether they want to take the ACT, SAT, or both.

	ACT	SAT
Length	3 hours, 35 minutes (includes the 40 minute optional Writing Test)	3 hours, 50 minutes (includes the 50 minute optional Essay)
Sections	4 subjects covered in 4 Sections	3 subjects covered in 4 Sections
Areas Tested	English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing (optional)	Reading, Writing, Math, Essay (optional)
Reading (ACT) / Reading Test (SAT)	Reading passages	Reading passages and associated graphs, tables, etc
Science (ACT)	Science Reasoning (analysis, interpretation, evaluation and problem solving)	Science not included
Math (ACT/SAT)	Topics Covered: Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry	
English (ACT) / Writing and Language Test (SAT)	Identifying errors in passages. Improving grammar, usage and syntax.	
Writing (ACT) / Essay (SAT)	Essay (optional); 40 minutes; Not included in composite score	Essay (optional); 50 minutes; Not included in combined score
Scoring	Total composite score - 36 (based on average of 4 sections) 4 scores of 1-36 each Plus, a score of 2-12 for the optional Essay	Total score - 1600 2 scores of 200-800 each (Math and Reading/Writing) Plus, a score of 6-24 for the optional Essay
Wrong Answer Penalty	No penalty	
Sending Scores	You decide which test date scores are sent.	Most schools will see your entire score history, with the exception of a few that will let you pick and choose which scores to send

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