

# TESTING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

| <b>REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION</b>                                 |   |
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| <b>System</b>   | <b>Tests</b>  |
| Community College   | Math, English and Reading tests required for placement on1  |
| California State Universities   | SAT or ACT (SAT writing score not included; ACT writing no: required.)  |
| University of California  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAT or ACT with writing.</li> <li>• Two SAT Subject Tests in two different subject areas: History/Social Science, English Literature, Math, Lab Science or Language Other Than English.</li> </ul> |
| Independent Universities (see college websites for specific requirements) | Usually SAT or ACT<br>SAT Subject Tests for competitive schools.  |

| <b>COMPARATIVE FEATURES OF THE ACT AND SAT</b>  |   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>American College Test (ACT)</u></b></p> <p>Testing time: approximately 3 hours (3 1/2 with writing)</p> <p>Test purpose: designed to measure academic achievement in four major curricular areas of secondary and post-secondary instructional programs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEST CONTENT</u></b></p> <p><b>ENGLISH:</b> Usage/Mechanics Rhetorical skills</p> <p><b>MATHEMATICS:</b> Beginning Algebra<br/>Intermediate Algebra/<br/>Coordinate Geometry<br/>Plane Geometry/<br/>Trigonometry</p> <p><b>READING:</b> Fiction, Humanities,<br/>Natural Science, Social Studies</p> <p><b>SCIENCE:</b> Biology, Chemistry, Physics,</p> <p><b>REASONING:</b> Physical Science</p> <p><b>WRITING:</b> Optional</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Composite Scores range from 1-36</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SAT</u></b></p> <p>Testing time: 3 hours, 45 minutes</p> <p>Test purpose: designed to measure a student's college readiness.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEST CONTENT</u></b></p> <p><b>Writing: 60 minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One 25-minute essay</li> <li>• One 25-minute multiple choice section</li> <li>• One 10-minute multiple choice section</li> </ul> <p><b>Critical Reading: 70 minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two 25-minute critical reading sections</li> <li>• One 20-minute section</li> </ul> <p><b>Math: 70 minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two 25-minute sections</li> <li>• One 20-minute section</li> <li>• Multiple choice (44 questions)</li> <li>• Student-produced responses (10 questions)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Total Scores range from 600-2400<br/>(Each subtest 200-800)</b></p> |