

College Admissions Tests

ACT or SAT

Tuesday, November 22, 2016



Cost of Attendance in Indiana for 2016-2017 academic year

IU	\$21,718	Tuition/Fees, Room/Board, Books
Ball State	\$18,884	Tuition/Fees & Room/Board
ISU	\$18,331	Tuition & Room/Board
USI	\$17,000	Estimated cost for 2016-2017
VU	\$16,070	Tuition/Fees, Room/Board, Books
	\$6,878	VU Commuter Student
Ivy Tech	\$4,054	Tuition only (30 hours)
UE	\$45,656	Typical annual cost for 2016-2017

High Test Scores = Scholarship \$

USI David L. Rice Scholarship

RSAT*	1020-1090	1100-1190	1200-1270	1280-1380	1390+
SAT**	940-1010	1020-1120	1130-1200	1210-1320	1330+
ACT	20-21	22-24	25-26	27-29	30+
4.0+	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$5000
3.9-3.99	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000
3.7-3.89	\$1500	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500
3.6-3.69	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000
3.4-3.59	\$750	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000	\$2500
3.0-3.39	\$500	\$750	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000

USI Presidential Scholarship

- Be ranked 1st or 2nd in senior class (or have a 4.0 at a non-ranking high school)
- Must earn a SAT score of 1290 or ACT of 27
- Invitation only; competitive; 10 awarded/year
- Application deadline December 2nd
- Full tuition, room & board, books

USI Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarship

- Competitive award for Indiana residents pursuing medical school
- Full tuition scholarship for 4 years & provisional acceptance into IU School of Medicine (now in Evansville!!)
- Must have 3.5 GPA; 1290 SAT or 27 ACT
- Application deadline December 15th

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Daviess County

- Be a resident of Daviess County
- Be a graduate of an accredited Daviess County or Indiana High School
- Must have minimum 1130 SAT score or 25 ACT
- Full tuition at any baccalaureate institution in Indiana.
- Application deadline September 12, 2016
- One awarded; multiple alternates

University of Evansville Direct Entry Programs

- Physical Therapy, Physician's Assistant, or Nursing
- Must apply by Nov. 1st
- Must have 1280 SAT OR 27 ACT
- If selected, students are directly admitted into UE's PT, PA, or nursing program.
- Scholarship opportunities available

What is the SAT/ACT?

- College Admission Tests
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) by CollegeBoard
- American College Test (ACT) by ACT

Why take the SAT/ACT?

- Critical in Admission and Scholarship decisions
- Colleges will be looking at course selection, grades earned, GPA, Class Rank, and TEST SCORES when making admissions decisions
- Any 4-year institution will require SAT or ACT scores (Check w/other schools) & some scholarship programs
- Only objective way for colleges to evaluate student's readiness for college-level work

SAT vs. ACT

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SAT

- Math
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
- Essay (optional)

- Scores range from 400-1600

SAT (cont.)

- Multiple Choice Questions:
 - 1 point = correct answer
 - 0 points = incorrect answer
- No penalty for guessing
 - The redesigned SAT will remove the penalty for wrong answers.
 - Students will earn points for the questions they answer correctly.

ACT

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing (Optional, but required by many colleges)
- ***WRITING SECTION IS REQUIRED FOR ACADEMIC HONOR DIPLOMA!!**

ACT (cont.)

- **Average Composite Score (21.0)**

*The composite score is an average of the four test scores (Eng, Math, Reading, & Science)

- Each test is scored on the 1-36 scale, where 1 is lowest and 36 is highest
- All questions multiple-choice (except Writing Test)

When do I take the SAT/ACT?

- *Spring of Junior Year - may want to consider earlier*
- Allows enough time to test again and still meet deadlines
- Some admission and scholarship decisions are made in Early Fall
- Most universities will tell you to take SAT/ACT during the spring of your junior year

What does it cost?

- SAT - \$45 (Late Registration \$28.00)
- SAT with essay - \$57
- ACT - \$42.50 (Late Registration \$27.50)
- ACT Plus Writing - \$58.50

- *Test date/Test center change=\$25-\$28

How do I register?

- www.sat.org/register (SAT)
- www.actstudent.org (ACT)
- Limited SAT registration materials available in the guidance office
- Barr-Reeve School Code: 152395

Additional Registration Information

- Select four institutions you wish to receive your scores (May request more than four, but requires extra fee.)
- Must include high school code 152395 or we will not receive your test scores to put on your transcript .

Additional Registration Information (cont.)

- If you are a 21st Century Scholar, Project Aspiree student, or receive free/reduced lunches ask about fee waivers
- Students with disabilities may be eligible to receive accommodations; Must fill out form (See Mrs. Sward)

Additional Registration Information (cont.)

- Students planning on registering with the NCAA Clearinghouse **MUST** request all ACT and SAT scores be reported directly to NCAA. (Code 9999)
- Check to see if your college requires the optional Writing portion for the ACT & the new SAT

Additional Registration Information

- You MUST provide an acceptable photo in order to *register*.
- Photo must show only you – no other people should be visible
- Photo shows a head & shoulder view with entire face
- Photo is properly focused

Understanding Deadlines...

2016-2017 SAT DATES

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
January 21	December 21	January 10
March 11	February 10	February 28
May 6	April 7	April 25
June 3	May 9	May 24

Understanding Deadlines (cont.)...

2016-2017 ACT DATES

TEST DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 8	March 3	March 17
June 10	May 5	May 19

When to arrive and what to bring to the Test Center:

- Arrive no later than 7:45AM;
- Photo Admission Ticket
- Acceptable Photo Identification
(Has to have name and recognizable photo)
- Two No. 2 Pencils and a soft eraser (NO PENS OR MECHANICAL PENCILS)
- Acceptable Calculator

What **NOT** to bring in the testing room:

- Cell phone, iPad, iPod, pager, PDA, or other digital/electronic equipment
- Scratch paper
- Notes, books, dictionaries
- Compass, protractor, ruler
- Highlighter
- Portable listening device
- Camera

A word on cell phones.....

- Cell phone use is prohibited
- *If their phone makes any noise or a student is seen using a cell phone (even during breaks), the student may be dismissed immediately, his/her scores canceled, and the device may be confiscated.*
- Also applies to any other digital/electronic equipment (iPod, iPad, laptop, etc.)

A word on cell phones (cont.)..

- Testing staff has right to deny admission to anyone in possession of a cell phone or other prohibited electronic device.
- **DON'T BRING IT!**

Admission Tickets

- Students can print their Admission Tickets from the testing center's website
- Students who provide an email address will also receive an Admission Ticket by email.
- **No one will gain entry to testing room without an Admission Ticket**

Acceptable Identification

- Acceptable photo identification in English is required
- Identification must be current, recognizable and bear the student's name exactly as it appears on the student's Admission Ticket

Acceptable Identification (cont.)

- A Driver's License **IS** an acceptable form of identification.
- A Social Security Card, Credit Card, Parent's Driver's License, Hunting License, Birth Certificate are **NOT** acceptable forms of identification.

Test Taking Tips

- Answer easy questions first
- Make educated guesses (Rule out one or more choices)
- Keep track of time
- Use your test book as scratch paper, but record your answer on the answer sheet.

Test Taking Tips (cont.)

- Mark the questions you skipped and want to return
- Check your answer sheet to make sure you are placing your answers correctly
- Make sure you use a No. 2 pencil
- Be sure to fill in/erase entire circle

Test Taking Tips (cont.)

- Guessing on the ACT:

Because there is no penalty for guessing on the ACT multiple-choice tests, it is to the student's advantage to answer every question. A student's raw score on each multiple-choice test is simply the number of correct responses.

How to Prepare

- The best way for students to prepare for the SAT is by taking challenging courses and by reading and writing as much as possible.
- PSAT My College Quickstart
- www.khanacademy.org/sat
- www.actstudent.org/testprep

How to Prepare (cont.)

- SAT Question of the Day app
- Khan Academy app

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Questions?