

MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
AAPR 5007, SAT Prep
Course Syllabus

Course Description:

An independent study curriculum supported by an MVCS faculty supervisor. With the new 2016 SAT, Khan Academy has partnered with the College Board to create a free SAT prep program. Offered as a one semester, pass/fail course, this class will allow students one designated period in their class schedule to prepare for the SAT Exam daily. By using the new SAT Prep Class offered by Khan Academy students will be led through diagnostic quizzes and a specific practice plan catered to their current areas of strength and weakness. Within Khan Academy students work independently through practice problems and full-length practice exams to increase scores on the SAT. Most students will work independently, supervised by MVCS staff, while larger classes will have a faculty supervisor present.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to answer the following questions:

- What's on the SAT?
- How is the SAT scored?
- What test taking techniques can I use to help me do my best?
- What is the best way to write an essay for the SAT?
- How can I improve on parts of the SAT where I “underperform”?
- What are my current strengths?
- Where should I focus my time to maximize my score?

Text/ Resources:

No texts will be required for this course. We will utilize Khan Academy's SAT Prep Class. Students should have an SAT approved calculator for use in class (See College Board's Calculator Policy, <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>). There are many advantages to practicing with the calculator to be used on test day. Optional resource: The Official SAT Study Guide, found on the College Board website, but available online through other stores.

Prerequisites: None

Course Outline:

- Diagnostic Quizzes within Khan Academy
- How to conquer the Critical Reading Section

- Practice
- How to conquer the Math Section
- Practice
- How to conquer the Writing Section
- Practice

Grading:

This course is set up as a pass/ fail category. In order to pass this class, students must attend class each day and complete activities and practice tests. Graded assignments, practice tests/quizzes, and progress logs will determine student's grade percentages. A semester score of 70% or above constitutes a passing grade.

High School Standard Grading Policy:

Please refer to the policy and procedures posted online in our Parent-Student Handbook.

Class Policies:

- Arrive to class on time (in the door when the bell rings).
- Respect the teacher, your classmates, the classroom and yourself by following these policies:
 - Speak appropriately and positively in class/with others
 - Manage your class time by staying engaged in your work
 - Leave food and drink, except water, outside of class
 - Follow teacher directions and classroom policies

School Policies and Expected Student Learning Results (ESLRs):

Students are subject to all academic policies of the school as found in the Parent-Student Handbook. Furthermore, it is each student's responsibility to read and follow all academic policies of Monte Vista Christian School. In addition to addressing each ESLR every year, we target a specific ESLR each academic year for particular focus.