

ACT Preparation (ACT-051-300-001)

Student Development ACT Preparation Syllabus

Course Description

The purpose of this ACT Preparation course is to provide strategies and practice to increase a student's score on the ACT. This course has a unit for each of the subjects covered in the ACT test:

- Unit 1: English
- Unit 2: Math
- Unit 3: Reading
- Unit 4: Science
- Unit 5: Writing

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Materials

We strongly recommend that students purchase the Kaplan ACT Prep book (for the current year). It should include practice tests and online materials.

Visit the [IS Course Catalog](#) and search for ACT 051. Click the **Textbooks** drop-down to see purchasing options.

Students should also take advantage of free online practice tests such as these:

- 4Tests.com's [ACT Exam](#)
- ACT.org's [Test Prep Website](#)
- McGraw-Hill's [Free ACT Practice Tests](#)
- PowerScore's [Free Official ACT Practice Tests](#)
- The Princeton Review's [Free ACT Online Demo and Test](#)

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Understand and be familiar with current ACT test content.
- Demonstrate successful test-taking strategies and competency on assessments.
- Apply the strategies for success to maximize their potential to score higher on the real ACT test.

Grading and Assignments

The letter grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams.

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
Content Guides	Teacher Graded	20%
Practice Essay	Teacher Graded	10%
Unit Quizzes	Computer Graded	50%
Final Exam	Computer Graded	20%

*Students must pass the final exam to earn credit for the course. They may retake the final exam once for a fee.

Content Guides

Students will fill out and submit a content guide for each module of the course. These are like guided notes that correspond with the most important concepts on each lesson page. The last page of each content guide provides a space for students to leave questions for their instructor and is optional.

There are also several opportunities in each lesson for students to check their knowledge and understanding in ungraded self-checks.

Practice Essay

In module 15, there is an essay assignment. Students will choose either an ACT prompt or a prompt from a preferred university application so they can get helpful, relevant feedback on their writing from an instructor.

Unit Quizzes

This course includes a quiz for each unit. The quizzes cover the facts about the ACT, test-taking strategies, review concepts, and other materials in the course. They help students prepare to take the ACT, but they do *not* include ACT-style questions.

For practice with actual ACT tests and questions, students should refer to the Kaplan book and the online resources.

Final Exam

The final exam is in module 16 and covers questions from all of the subjects and units. Like the unit quizzes, the final exam focuses on applying ACT test-taking strategies.

Students must pass the final exam to earn credit for the course; they may retake it once, for a fee, upon request.

Final Grade

The letter grade will be calculated according to these percentages.

Percent to Letter Grade Calculation	
A	100%–93%
A–	<93%–90%
B+	<90%–87%

B	<87%–83%
B–	<83%–80%
C+	<80%–77%
C	<77%–73%
C–	<73%–70%
D+	<70%–67%
D	<67%–63%
D–	<63%–60%
F (fail)	<60%–0%