

Here is a brief overview of the basic structural and logistical differences between the ACT and SAT:

	ACT	SAT
Total Time	2 hrs 55 mins without Writing 3 hrs 35 mins with Writing	3 hrs without Essay 3 hrs 50 mins with Essay
Order of Sections	1. English 2. Math 3. Reading 4. Science 5. Writing (optional)	1. Reading 2. Writing and Language 3. Math No Calculator 4. Math Calculator 5. Essay (optional)
Time Per Section	English: 45 mins Math: 60 mins Reading: 35 mins Science: 35 mins Writing (optional): 40 mins	Reading: 65 mins Writing and Language: 35 mins Math No Calculator: 25 mins Math Calculator: 55 mins Essay (optional): 50 mins
# of Questions	English: 75 questions Math: 60 questions Reading: 40 questions Science: 40 questions Writing (optional): 1 essay	Reading: 52 questions Writing and Language: 44 questions Math No Calculator: 20 questions Math Calculator: 38 questions Essay (optional): 1 essay
Scoring	<u>Total score range: 1-36</u> Each section uses a scale of 1-36 . Your total score is the average of your four section scores. The optional Writing section uses <u>a scale of 2-12</u> and does not count toward your final score.	<u>Total score range: 400-1600</u> The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Math sections each use a scale of 200-800 and are combined for a total score. The optional Essay uses <u>three separate scales of 1-8</u> and does not count toward your final score.
Cost	<u>\$55 without Writing</u> <u>\$70 with Writing</u>	<u>\$52 without Essay</u> <u>\$68 with Essay</u>
Who Accepts Scores?	<u>Accepted by all colleges and universities in the US</u>	Accepted by all colleges and universities in the US