

ONE SEMESTER CLASS - FALL ONLY

You can raise your scores on the English, Reading, and Writing sections of the ACT college entrance exam by knowing what to expect and by practicing your skills ahead of time. Depending on where you go to college, an increase of a few points on your ACT score could earn thousands of dollars in scholarships. And if you're hoping to qualify for PSEO and earn free college credits as a junior and senior, you may need to achieve a minimum score on the Pre-ACT or ACT.

In this twelve-week course, you'll learn valuable strategies for scoring high on the ACT English and Reading tests and on the essay writing test. Ms. Hope will clarify those tricky punctuation and usage rules that trip students up on the English test. She'll explain what the Reading test focuses on and provide you with highly effective approaches to gain more points. Several sessions devoted to essay writing will teach you how to quickly compose a solid essay so you'll approach the Writing test with confidence. You'll submit three practice essays and receive personalized feedback from Ms. Hope.

Topics covered include:

- Overview of the ACT exam
- English usage and punctuation review
- Principles of writing strategy and execution
- Tips and strategies for the English test
- Explanation of Reading test passage and question types
- Time management on the Reading test
- Tips and strategies for the Reading test
- How the ACT essay is graded
- How to write a persuasive essay for the ACT

This class is appropriate for those who haven't yet taken the ACT, for those who plan to re-take it to increase their score, and for those who want to achieve a high score on the Pre-ACT to qualify for PSEO. Whether English and Reading are your strong or weak areas, this course will help you maximize your scores on these two sections of the ACT exam, thereby improving your composite score.

Required text: The Official ACT Prep Guide 2023-2024, 1st edition, by ACT. Order from Amazon. [link will be posted when the text is available]