

MIT ATI SAT Reasoning Program - Spring 2014

In 1985, a student group at MIT, Educational Studies Program (ESP), dreamt of providing an affordable alternative to SAT prep programs offered by professional vendors, and thus SATPrep was born. Although ESP has decided to discontinue their program, starting in the 2011-2012 academic year, MIT Academic Teaching Initiative (ATI) will jumpstart a program similar to ESP's SATPrep - we will offer SAT Reasoning and Subject preparation classes at low cost to high school students in the Boston area.

SATPrep Reasoning Program Details

For information regarding SAT Subject Program, please visit: <http://ati.mit.edu/sat2>

SATPrep Reasoning classes will take place at MIT on Sunday afternoons, between 1:30PM and 5PM. Each student will be assigned to a math class, a critical reading class, and a writing class, and each class will be 65 minutes long with a ten-minute break and a five-minute break in between. A typical schedule for a student may look like this:

1:30 – 2:35 1st Class: Math Level 4 Room X
2:35 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 3:50 2nd Class: Verbal Level 3 Room Y
3:50 – 3:55 Break
3:55 – 5:00 3rd Class: Writing Level 5 Room Z

The assigned levels will be determined by the results from the diagnostic test. Classes will have 20-30 students each. The teaching staff will be comprised of MIT undergraduates. Each teacher will be assigned a subject (math, critical reading, or writing) and a level, and they will provide the same instruction to each of their three sections. An official CollegeBoard SAT preparation book will be ordered for each student, to be delivered by the first or second class, courtesy of MIT ATI.

SATPrep Reasoning Program Tentative Spring 2014 Dates

02/16 – On-campus registration and diagnostic exam
02/23 – No class
03/02 – Class 1
03/09 – Class 2
03/16 – Class 3
03/23 – No class
03/30 – Class 4
04/06 – Class 5
04/13 – Class 6
04/20 – No class
04/27 – Final exam
05/04 – Class 7

The diagnostic and final will be full-length practice tests administered under testing conditions. They will help measure the progress of the students.

Tuition

The cost of **\$100** per student enrolled will be paid on **02/16/2014**, the day of the diagnostic. Students may apply for financial aid.

Refund Policy

Submitting the Online Pre-Registration Form for the SAT Preparation Program implies you understand that the \$100 program fee is **non-refundable** once submitted, except in significant extenuating circumstances that will prevent the registered student from participating in the program. All requests for refund should be submitted in writing to ati-satprep@mit.edu, and subject to the approval of the SAT Preparation Program Directors. Refund requests must be submitted within 2 weeks (14 days) after the Diagnostic Exam to be considered. For students' convenience, the following sample reasons are not valid reasons for refunds.

1) Program schedule did not work out.

Students are expected to peruse the program schedule included. By submitting the Pre-Registration, students are acknowledging all the dates for the program. Students will not sign up for the program if there are currently known conflicting events that will prevent the student from attending all sessions of the program. At the SAT Preparation Program Directors discretion, the Directors may approve refunds for significant personal reasons that will affect the student participation which occurs after Registration.

2) Program is too easy/too difficult.

The SAT Preparation Program is designed to prepare students from a wide range of abilities. We are unable to honor student refunds for reasons such as material difficulty after the start of the program.

3) Program is not to the student's liking.

We are unable to honor student refunds for personal reasons regarding the instruction of the program, unless significant error and lapse in performance had been demonstrated in our teachers.

Registration Procedure

Because of a lack of resources, we must limit the number of registered students. All participants must be currently enrolled in high school, with preference given to upperclassmen, and even then, we cannot accept everyone. Preregistration is **NOT** a first-come, first-served process – program spots will be given out via a **lottery**.

The following steps **must** be completed in order to ensure a spot in the SATPrep Program:

1) Pre-register online: A link to the pre-registration form will be posted on **January 7, 2014**. Successfully submitting the pre-registration form does **NOT** guarantee a spot in the program; it merely guarantees a spot in our automated lottery process. Pre-registration closes on **February 7, 2014**.

2) Receive an enrollment email from ATI. Emails will be sent out to the students selected by the lottery on **February 12, 2014**.

3) Register **in-person** on the morning of Registration Day. The Spring 2014 registration date is **February 16, 2014** - registration begins at **9:30 AM** and ends at **11:30** on MIT campus and includes paying the \$100 tuition.

4) Take the diagnostic in the afternoon of Registration Day. The Spring 2014 registration date is **February 16, 2013** - the diagnostic will begin promptly at **Noon** and is a full-length SAT practice exam ending at around **4:30 PM**.

Failure to complete any of these steps may result in a forfeit of participation in the program.

Waitlist Policy

A waitlist of 100 students will be notified on **February 12, 2014**. Waitlisted students will be offered a spot in the program upon the inability of any enrolled students to either complete steps 3-4 above or attend the program. Waitlisted students are also expected to complete steps 3-4 above (they must register and take the diagnostic) and will be notified by of their enrollment status by February 12, 2014.

For more information, please contact ati-satprep@mit.edu