

# **SAT Preparation: 1 Semester – Grades 11/12**

## **Desired Student Outcomes and Performance Goals**

**By the end of the semester-long SAT Preparation course, students will:**

- Take 3 full-length practice examinations
- Experiment with test-taking strategies for multiple-choice questions
- Apply new reading strategies to understanding reading passages
- Demonstrate real gains in SAT vocabulary knowledge
- Practice writing 6 SAT essays under timed conditions
- Learn strategies for mastering the fill-in-the-blank section
- Learn strategies for outlining essays
- Apply effective quotation usage to essays
- Learn how to make appropriate connections between essay topics and real life.
- Review editing strategies that will ensure success on the writing portions of the test.

## **Course Content and Materials:**

Students may elect this course in either the spring or fall semester.

Students will explore strategies for taking standardized tests in the SAT format. Students will practice taking tests under timed circumstances. Students will experiment with different ways to master vocabulary, improve reading speed and comprehension, and answer multiple choice questions. Students will improve their SAT-style essay writing, and learn how to respond effectively to testing prompts, while minimizing syntax and grammar errors.

### **Materials:**

*Barrons Guide to the SAT*

*Improving your SAT essay in 3 minutes a day.*

*500 Hot Words for the SAT!*