ACT Crash Course Outline

Ivy Global's Crash Course provides a condensed review of the English, Reading, Math, and Science content on the ACT, along with an introduction to the most effective strategies for each section. The course also provides an introduction to the optional Essay. The course includes two full-length diagnostic exam (on the last day), and five 4-hour classes of engaging lecture, rigorous reinforcement of new content, and consistent practice. In addition, students will work with the instructor to develop a long-term study plan for their preparation beyond the end of the class.

- Total class time: 24 hours
- Class schedule:
    - 6 4-hour classes, weekly on Saturdays or Sundays during the academic year, or one week (Monday-Saturday) during vacation
- Approximate homework time: 1-2 hours per day (with optional extra homework)

Course Format

Ivy Global's ACT courses are designed to provide a balance of guided instruction, collaborative discussion and group work, and opportunities for realistic practice testing. Students work both collaboratively and individually as they apply new strategies with the instructor.

Each class includes:

- Engaging lecture, to introduce strategy and new content
- Collaborative problem-solving, to tackle difficult problems early in the course
- Realistic mock test-taking, to ensure that students are well prepared for true test conditions
- Team-based competition, to make memorization a little less tedious

Students receive the following evaluations and feedback:

- Full-length initial diagnostic, taken under realistic conditions, with the essay written for homework
- Daily homework review, to explain challenging questions and to reinforce understanding of new content
- Regular math, reading, grammar, and data analysis practice
- Helpful analysis and grading of at least 2 essays
- A final full-length (4-hour) diagnostic test taken under realistic conditions
- A detailed score report that indicates students' strengths and weaknesses in various areas of each ACT section
- A detailed, personalized final report, summarizing the student's progress and providing advice for future studying

Course Syllabus

Ivy Global's Crash Course provides a concise review of both the content and most effective strategies for all five sections of the ACT: English, Reading, Math, Science, and the optional Writing Test.

Days 1-3

- Overview of test structure and content
- Assessment of individual strengths, weaknesses, and goals
- Introduction to general multiple-choice strategies
- Initial diagnostic test (Writing Test to be completed at home)
- Introduction to the English Test: strategies for moving through the passages, answering multiple-choice questions, and review of the most relevant grammar rules
- Introduction to the Math Test: strategies for approaching word problems and multiple-choice questions, review of key concepts and formulae to memorize
- Introduction to the Writing Test (optional essay): strategies for structuring and writing a short argumentative essay, and class review of sample prompts

Days 4-6

- Introduction to the Reading Test: overview of format, and strategies for passage reading and answering questions efficiently and confidently
- Introduction to the Science Test: strategies for skimming the passages, summarizing data, and answering multiple-choice questions.
- Writing Test, continued: lesson on creating effective counter-arguments
- Review of geometry, trigonometry, exponents, and logarithms, as well as any other topics that students are struggling with
- Guiding future study, planning personalized schedules, focus and stress-management strategies
- Final diagnostic exam (including full-length essay) and full score report

Course Materials

Each student receives a copy of the Ivy Global *ACT Guide*, which not only explains tested concepts in each scored section, but also details strategies, reference materials, study plans, practice drill questions for each section, 13 practice essay prompts, 6 sample essays (with a range of scores), and 3 full-length practice tests.