

STANDARDIZED TEST PREPARATION TIMELINE

SAT / ACT / GRE / GMAT Study Roadmap

6 Months Out

- Take a full-length diagnostic practice test.
- Identify core strengths and weaknesses.
- Research target score requirements for chosen institutions.
- Purchase official study guides and resources.

4-5 Months Out

- Master content fundamentals (Math rules, Grammar laws).
- Establish a weekly study schedule (4-6 hours minimum).
- Begin practicing specific question types.
- Register for the actual exam date to secure a seat.

2-3 Months Out

- Take bi-weekly timed practice exams.
- Focus heavily on pacing and time management.
- Analyze every mistake in detail; maintain an error log.
- Learn test-taking strategies (elimination, educated guessing).

1 Month Out

- Take weekly full-length practice tests in realistic settings.
- Refine strategies for the most difficult sections.
- Memorize essential formulas and vocabulary.
- Finalize the "Day Of" logistics (location, snacks, ID).

The Final Week

- Light review of error logs only; no new heavy concepts.
- Prioritize sleep (8+ hours) and hydration.
- Prepare the "Testing Bag" (Calculators, pencils, registration).
- Relax the day before the exam; no studying.

PERSONAL GOALS & TARGETS