Dissecting the ACT

Definition: The ACT (/ɛi sɪ tiː/; originally an abbreviation of American College Testing) is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States produced by ACT, Inc.

Mathematics Portion: 60 minute time limit - 60 multiple choice questions

“Everyone’s favorite subject” portion asks a variety of questions that focuses on 5 key mathematical skills including pre-algebra, intermediate algebra, elementary algebra, plane geometry, coordinate geometry, and elementary trigonometry. Each multiple choice question has 5 potential answers, and students are encouraged to bring a calculator (without computerized algebra functions installed) to this test. Contrary to what students have been told for years, showing your work here will get you no credit. You will need to choose the correct answer from the choices.

Reading Portion: 35 minute time limit - 40 multiple choice questions

This test is broken up into 4 different passages taken from various printed books and magazines that represent different styles of text. Prose fiction (short stories & novels), social sciences (history, anthropology, psychology), humanities (art & music), and natural science (physics, biology, chemistry). Following each passage will be multiple choice questions that ask you to identify or explain key parts of that passage. Think about this portion of the ACT as a glorified AR (Accelerated Reeder) test. You will read a passage, then be tested in a way closely resembling the AR format. The tip here is to read the entire passage carefully, make sure you understand what each question is asking, and select the best answer.

Science Reasoning: 35 minute time limit - 40 multiple choice questions

In this section of the ACT, you will read through 7 different passages. There will be 3 targeting data representation (what does the graph show), three will target summarizing research (summarize what the information says), and one will focus on conflicting viewpoints (identify which side makes a better case). Following each passage will be 5-7 multiple choice questions. As a whole, this test asks that you look closely for specific details that support possible answers. There is almost no interpretation here, use the data and facts given to choose the best answer.

Writing Portion (Optional): 30 minute time limit - 1 Essay question

Even though this section is optional, many colleges and universities require this test for admission. You must write your essay response to a given prompt. This prompt will pose a question that is relative to high school students today. You will have a chance to exhibit your writing skills, grammar and punctuation use, organization and creativity in this test. A great tip for this portion of the ACT is to make sure you answer the question asked, and back it up with clear and concise reasoning to support your decision.

More information about the ACT is available from the Upward Bound Staff or visit the website: www.act.org
What do you like most about college versus high school?

I have so much TIME! I’m not stuck in class all day long and that gives me time to do other fun stuff like homework, and studying, and chilling in the library...no but really, I have extra time to get to know new people, and go on crazy late night adventures, and travel into the Twin Cities for various events.

What did you experience in Upward Bound that was most helpful in college?

I’m so thankful for my experience of living in the dorms at UB because it made it super easy to live in the dorms at college. I’m ready to face anything that comes my way!

What is the biggest surprise thus far about college?

I expected college to be such a big scary place but instead (Thanks UB) it was a smooth transition to a new phase of life that teaches you a lot about yourself and those around you each day.

What has been the biggest academic adjustment you have had to make?

The biggest thing I’ve had to adjust to here at college when it comes to academic is discovering the meaning and depth of the word “study.” I always thought I knew what it meant, but man was I in denial!

How is living in the residence halls?

Best/worst thing about it?

The dorm life is...AMAZING! You meet so many people with different backgrounds and stories who challenge you to look outside your own narrow view. The “worst” part about living in the residence halls is being called the “old lady” on the floor because I go to bed at eleven and wake up at seven thirty.... :/

Now that you have completed your first semester of college, what advice would you give to current UB students?

Don’t worry if you don’t have everything figured out right now. It will all come together. And when you finally move onto campus, JUMP RIGHT IN! :)

Kera Kilde

Where are you attending college now?

Crown College in beautiful St. Bonifacius, MN!

Have you joined any clubs/organizations?

Which ones?

There aren’t many clubs on campus because we are such a small school but I take advantage of every sporting event, planned activity, and hot spot on campus!
Have you joined any clubs/organizations? Which ones?
I am in the Smart Start Program which is kind of like UB, and I have been to the AISA meetings, which is the American Indian Student Association.

What is the biggest surprise thus far about college?
How much you will miss high school. Take advantage of everything high school has to offer now!

What has been the biggest academic adjustment you have had to make?
Actually taking time to read my textbooks, and making time to study.

What do you like most about college versus high school?
The naps between classes. They are AMAZING!

What did you experience in Upward Bound that was most helpful in college?
When we started every summer with the ice breaker games and then for orientation here we did the same thing and I was a BEAST at it, wasn’t shy at all!

Now that you have completed your first semester of college, what advice would you give to current UB students?
When in doubt call Leah! Haha, and FILL OUT SCHOLASHIPS!!!
Spring Tutoring Schedule

**Bagley (every other Thursday)**
Dates: 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18
Location: BHS Library

**Mahnomen (every other Thursday)**
Dates: 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 4/11, 4/25
Location: Library

**Bemidji**
Dates: Every Wednesday (except 3/13, 3/27)
Location: Social Studies Lab

**Park Rapids**
Dates: Every Thursday (except 3/14, 3/28)
Location: Library

**Blackduck (every other Wednesday)**
Dates: 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24
Location: Commons

**Red Lake**
Dates: Every Tuesday (except 3/12)
Location: computer Lab

**Cass Lake**
Dates: Every Tuesday (except 3/21)
Location: Commons

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First-Term Honor Roll Students!

- Monica Agnes, Bagley
- Darien Allen, Bemidji
- Glory Ames, Mahnomen
- Andrew Baldwin, Park Rapids
- Antuan Bell, Blackduck
- Shayna Blue, Mahnomen
- Julia Bogucki, Blackduck
- Gina Brown, Bemidji
- Robert Bruce, Park Rapids
- Jade Brustad, Bagley
- Payton Christofferson, Bemidji
- Callie Clark, Mahnomen
- Rhianna Cloud, Red Lake
- Shantell Coleman, Mahnomen
- Natasha Coyle, Bagley
- Jada Current, Park Rapids
- Debbie Dixon, Mahnomen
- Bethany Feldt, Park Rapids
- Chadwick Guinn, Mahnomen
- Rayni Gullette, Bemidji
- Morgan Hadrava, Bemidji
- Resia Hromidko, Bagley
- Hannah Korpela, Blackduck
- Katie Krotzer, Bemidji
- Karl Kubiak, Bagley
- Paige Littlewolf, Mahnomen
- Robin Littlewolf, Mahnomen
- Karl Lockrem, Park Rapids
- Marcus McKeever, Park Rapids
- Emma Olson, Mahnomen
- Ava Penner, Mahnomen
- Tamara Porter, Mahnomen
- Alexis Sauck, Mahnomen
- Charli Schocker, Blackduck
- Danisha Sells, Blackduck
- Terry Starkey, Mahnomen
- Jena Stewart, Park Rapids
- Hailey Syverson, Bagley
- Cody Voit, Mahnomen
- Josh Voit, Mahnomen
- Julie Wadena, Mahnomen
- Miriah Wadena, Mahnomen

*Cass Lake Grades Unavailable-CLB students will be listed on the follow-