

The SAT Subject Tests

BFF Tutoring is also available to help you prepare for the Math 1 or 2 Subject Test. **General information about SAT Subject Tests:**

- There are 20 SAT Subject Tests in five general subject areas: English, history, languages, mathematics and science. [See the subjects.](#)
- Each Subject Test is an hour long. They are all multiple-choice and scored on a 200–800 scale. The test format has remained consistent.
- Subject Tests test you on your knowledge of subjects on a high school level.

Why Take? Some Colleges Require Subject Tests

Some colleges require or recommend that you take SAT Subject Tests, especially if you're applying to take specific courses or programs. [See a list of colleges that require, recommend, or consider Subject Tests.](#)

When, Where, and How

- SAT Subject Tests are generally given six times in any given school year, on the same days and in the same test centers as the SAT — but not all 20 tests are offered on every SAT date. [Find out when specific tests will be given.](#)
- The Language with Listening tests are only offered in November.
- You can take one, two, or three Subject Tests on any test date.
- You can't take the SAT and an SAT Subject Test on the same day.
- You choose what tests to take when you register, but on test day, you can add, subtract, or switch tests — with some limitations. [Learn more.](#)
- ***A student should take the SAT Subject test as soon as he/she finishes the course.***
If a student just finished chemistry as a high school sophomore, and is thinking about engineering as a major, then she should take the Subject Test at the end of that year, when the material will be the freshest. Waiting to take all tests in junior year (when also taking the SATs or ACTs) is not a good idea and may not be possible.

Other Reasons to Take:

• **Stand Out in College Admissions**

Even colleges that don't require Subject Tests may accept them and use them in admission to get a more complete picture of applicants. By sending Subject Test scores to colleges, you can showcase your strengths.

• **Fulfill Requirements or Get Credit**

Some colleges use Subject Tests to place students into the appropriate courses. Depending on your test scores, you might be able to fulfill basic requirements or get credit for introductory-level courses.

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