



THE ASI ADVANTAGE

1. SAT/ACT Structure:

- a. The SAT/ACT are **not** intelligence tests or content tests. They both are **reasoning** tests. They are testing the student's ability to read the question, understand what the question is asking, find the **CLUE** in the question that indicates what they want answered and then find the match in the answer choices to that **CLUE**.
- b. The SAT/ACT are both very repetitious tests. They just ask only a few types of questions, over and over. The problem is, students answer one question, but fail to recognize the 4 or 5 other times when **the very same type** of question is asked - the **very same content** is required.
- c. The SAT/ACT are standardized tests and **NOT** critical thinking tests.

2. ASI Approach

- a. **Other courses focus on practicing content.**
 - **Other courses focus mainly on test practicing. The question is - practicing what? If you don't know why and what you are practicing, the time spent practicing is meaningless. You just get better at making the same mistakes over and over.**
- b. ASI focus is on test taking skills rather than content.
 - The ASI student only needs two practice scores - the PSAT as a measure and one actual practice test made by the College Board for comparison.
 - ASI focuses on the **question** and being able to recognize each and **every** time that same type of question is asked.
 - Except for all the possible vocabulary words, students **ALREADY KNOW ALL** the content. They just need to know when to apply what they have already learned.
 - Since the SAT/ACT are not critical thinking tests, ASI focuses on Standardized versus Critical Thinking Testing - how to find the **CLUES** in the question on a standardized test that identify that type of question. Once the student has recognized the CLUE, he/she is shown how to quickly find the match to that **CLUE** in the answer choices. This prevents the "overthinking" that is common for students who are used to critical thinking tests. Then the student is shown the "instant" start for solving that question.

3. Timing

- a. **Other core courses that are 30-40 hours long are only 16 - 18 hours of actual course instruction. The rest of the hours are used for testing and scoring. Such course hours require a 6 - 8 week commitment or 2 - 3 month commitment.**
- b. The ASI course is an intense two weekend program that only needs 22 hours - 4 days to teach **EVERYTHING** that is needed for knowing how to take the SAT/ACT and how to maximize the score. Then practice of what has been learned can be done at the student's own time and pace.
 - In case someone needs additional help, he or she can take the course one more time, free of cost.
- c. Once the student knows the 'what' and 'how', he/she can practice at his/her own time and pace.

4. ASI Teachers

- a. **Other courses hire recent college graduates who may or may not have any classroom experience.**
- b. ASI hires only experienced certified New York State teachers - with further training in ASI methods.
 - All ASI teachers have been teaching in public school classrooms for over 25 years.
 - Experienced classroom teachers know how to motivate students.
 - ASI teachers know how to effectively demystify and simplify the SAT/ACT, giving students the confidence that is necessary to do well.