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JUNIOR COLLEGES

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SAT

SAT® Reasoning Test is a standardized test necessary for college and university admissions in the USA.

What is the SAT® test composed of?

The SAT® test takes three hours and forty-five minutes and consists of three major sections, each of which receives a score on a scale of 200 to 800 points. The sections are mathematics, critical reading and writing. Most of the questions are multiple-choice, except for the essay and the ten grid-in math responses.

When and where can I take the SAT® test?

The SAT is offered six times a year outside the USA. Score reports are published approximately four to six weeks after test administration.

How do I apply for the SAT® test?

You can apply via Internet by registering online and paying the tax with your credit card. The website is www.collegeboard.org – – you have to register and create an account on the website.

TOEFL® iBT (Internet-based Test)

What is TOEFL®?

TOEFL® (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a standardized test which evaluates the ability of a non-native English speaker to use and understand English. It is often an admission requirement for foreign students for colleges and universities in the USA.

The test measures 4 basic language skills necessary for effective communication: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Who the test looks like?

Task	No. of questions	Approximate Time
Reading	36-70 questions	60–100 minutes
Listening	34-51 questions	60–90 minutes
BREAK -----		10 minuta
Speaking	6 task	20 minutes
Writing	2 task	50 minutes

The test is scored on a scale of 0-120 points. Each of the four sections receives a scaled score from 0-30 points.

All you have to do is open a free account on the website, which you will later use to apply for the test and get the results.

You will need a credit card to confirm your application and reserve a seat. TOEFL® iBT can be taken a couple of times a month in numerous locations in Serbia: Belgrade, Niš and Subotica.

The total price is \$180.

Make sure to apply in time, the number of test seats is limited!

Which league is played at universities?

There is a head organization of junior colleges where student athletes also compete and get sports scholarships. That is:

- NJCAA: “National Junior College Athletic Association” (www.njcaa.org).

Sometimes it is better to enroll in a junior college in the USA because it's easy to later transfer to another college or university, i.e. four-year studies.

What are the characteristics and advantages of the US education system?

The education system in the USA is significantly different from the one in Europe. Apart from organized sports competitions and the possibility of getting a sports scholarship, there are other differences related to sports and education.

a) Flexibility

In the United States junior colleges are primarily two-year public institutions of higher education. After graduating from a community college, some students transfer to a university for two to three years to complete a bachelor's degree, while others enter the workforce.

b) Semesters and Trimesters

An academic year can comprise either 2 semesters or 3 trimesters, depending on the policy of each university. If the school year is divided into semesters, which is the case at most universities, the first semester lasts from September to December and the second one from January to May. There are also summer schools and optional third semester if the school year is divided into trimesters; it is separated into three intervals during the same year period, from August to May.

c) Credit system

In order to graduate, every student has to achieve certain credits. That is between 15 and 20 credits per semester (two semesters in one year). Every course has approximately 3-4 credits. Students choose courses they want to attend at the beginning of the school year. This system is priceless for student-athletes because they can devote to daily practice sessions without letting that affect their course of studies.

d) Grading (GPA)

The grading system differs from the Serbian and many other systems in Europe. The grades go from A to F:

A= 4 points (equivalent to the Serbian grade "5")

B= 3 points,

C= 2 points,

D= 1 point (lowest passing grade),

F= Fail (denoting insufficient knowledge)

e) Professor-student relation

Junior colleges in the USA are well-equipped institutions with immense possibilities. The study system is more adjusted to individuals than in Serbia or any other European country. Classes consist of approximately 20 students, allowing professors to pay more attention to each individual. Professors and students have a very close connection, and professors often give their home phone number to students, in case they need additional explanations and help. This is another advantage for athletes because they can get free individual learning sessions if they need them.

What are admission requirements for junior colleges in the USA?

Admission requirements for the universities that offer sports scholarships are equal for all students without exceptions. You need to finish 12 years of school to study in the USA, but there are also some junior colleges in certain states that allow students enroll after finishing 3-year high schools. If you are already a university student, there is a possibility of having the completed semesters acknowledged. In this case, there are complex regulations regarding the age limit for athletes, which are different in every Division and organization.

What is the difference between college and university?

The difference between college and university is just nominal. It refers to the size of the institution and similar criteria. What is important for you is that both college and university give a valid bachelor's degree.

Where will I be accommodated during my studies?

The accommodation depends on the university you attend. There are two options: on-campus and off-campus. Some universities don't have their own campus, so students have to live in apartments, but the student-athlete newcomers usually get help from their teammates to adapt easier.

Where will I eat?

There are canteens on campus where all students eat, including student-athletes. If students decide to live off-campus, they prepare their own food, by themselves or with their roommates.

What is the scholarship value?

The amount of the scholarship you get depends solely on the coach granting it to you, i.e. on his assessment of how valuable you are for him. The best option is getting the full scholarship that covers all expenses (tuition, accommodation and food). Students don't get money, but with the tuition bill they get a scholarship that covers it. Usually the scholarship covers from 70% to 100% of all expenses.

Which expenses do I finance on my own?

- **Test applications:**

1. TOEFL application - \$180

Mailing official results of tests to particular schools: \$18 for the TOEFL

REMARK: Test application (TOEFL) to be paid exclusively with a credit card for Internet payments (Inquire about credit cards at a bank). It would be most convenient to have a Master Card, VISA, American Express or Diners Club credit card.

- **Possible expenses for enrollment application – you must own a credit card (Master Card, VISA, American Express)**
- **Expenses at the Embassy**
 1. *Visa acquisition tax - \$160, paid via Internet exclusively by credit cards for Internet payments, e.g. American Express, Diners club, Mater Card, VISA*
 2. *SEVIS (a program for monitoring Students) - \$200, paid via Internet exclusively by credit cards for Internet payments, e.g. American Express, Diners club, Mater Card, VISA*
- **Plane ticket fare**
- **Pocket money and other everyday expenses** –You can open a bank account in the USA and have money transferred to it.
- **Additional expenses can include health insurance expenses and book purchase. In most cases, the health insurance expenses and book purchase are covered by the scholarship.**

Is it possible to work in the USA while studying and with the student F-1 visa?

We should mention first that you will need an initial financial back-up during the first few months of your stay in the USA. All students can work at the campus (any job) from the beginning of their studies, but working outside the campus is legal only after a certain period of time spent in the USA.

For how many years can I get the scholarship?

Sports scholarships can be given for one, two years. There is an unwritten rule among coaches that students don't get smaller scholarships, i.e. students automatically get at least the same amount of scholarship the next year. In case of an injury that prevents you from competing, the coaches always follow the moral code.



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