

# GRE Information

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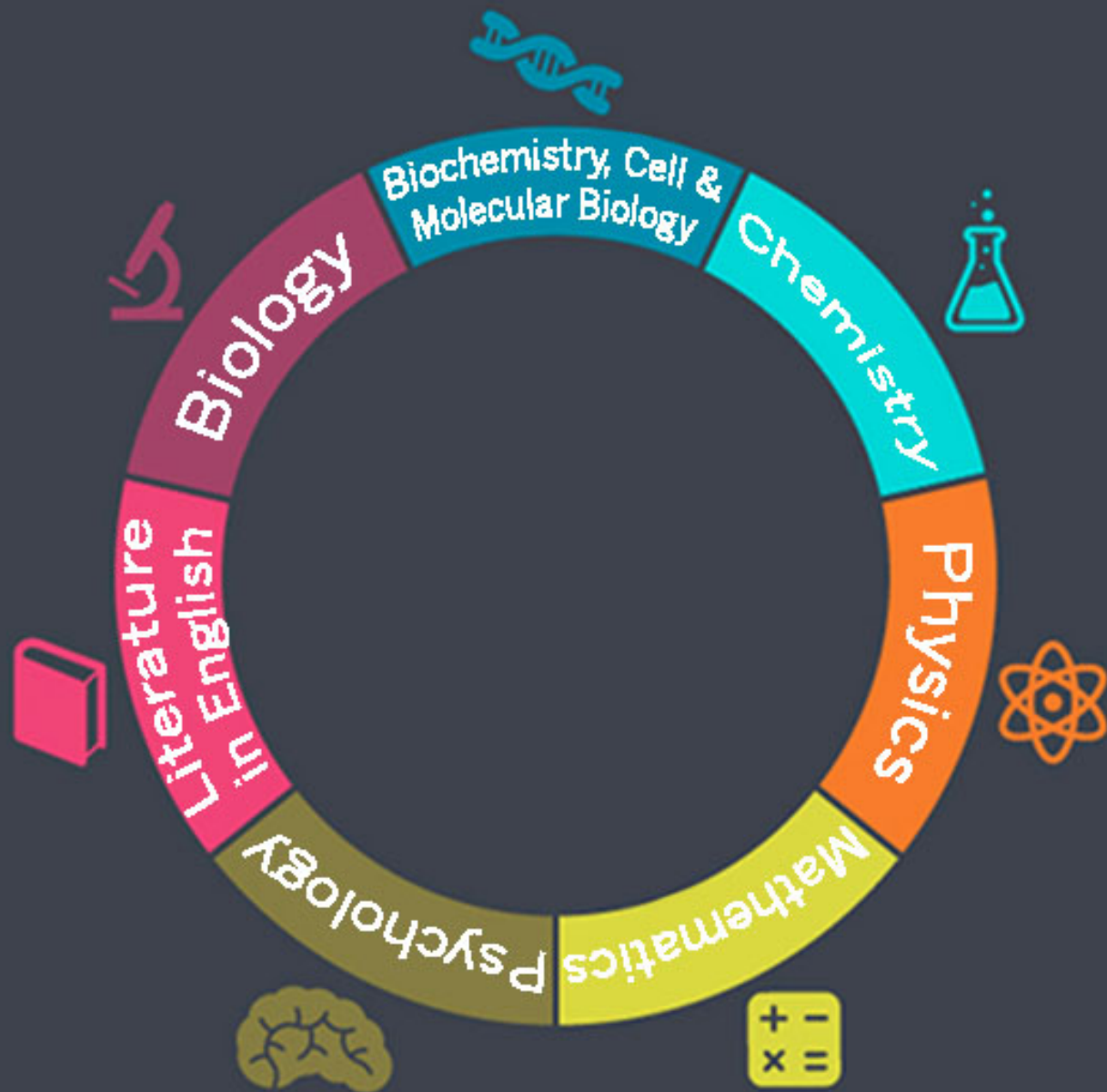


## BACKGROUND

### Graduate Record Examination

- A competitive entrance exam designed and conducted by Educational Testing Service (ETS)
- ETS is a nonprofit organization devoted to educational measurement and research through testing
- ETS offers approximately 50 million achievement and admissions tests every year

7 The number of optional subject tests offered that may be required for specific graduate programs



## Individuals who are interested in pursuing:

- A Master's Degree
- A Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- A Doctorate

WHO TAKES THE TEST?

WHERE AND WHEN IS THE TEST OFFERED?



- Computer-based test available on a continuous basis throughout the year

- Paper-based test available up to three times a year



- For more information visit:  
[http://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/about/bulletin](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/bulletin)

# Analytical Writing



- Articulate and support complex ideas clearly and effectively

WHAT TO  
EXPECT?

THERE ARE 3 SECTIONS:

## Quantitative Reasoning

- Solve problems involving basic concepts of algebra, geometry, and data analysis

## Verbal Reasoning



- Analyze and evaluate written material
- Investigate relationships among component parts of sentences

HOW MUCH  
DOES THE  
TEST COST?

GRE revised General Test

Subject Tests



HOW LONG  
DOES THE  
GENERAL TEST  
TAKE?

Computer-based

Approximately

3 hours 45 minutes



Paper-based

Approximately

3 hours 30 minutes

Remember to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled testing time and account for breaks

# HOW IS THE TEST SCORED?

## Scoring

### Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning

= 130-170; 1 point increments

### Analytical Writing

= 0-6;  $\frac{1}{2}$  point increments

### Subject Tests

= 200-990; 10 point increments

(ranges may be smaller depending on the subject)

## Writing Section

- Tests critical thinking skills and reasoning, as well as one's ability to assemble evidence and communicate complex ideas
- Essays should be considered as rough first drafts and not heavily scrutinized for grammar or spelling mistakes

## Mean Scores for the GRE revised General Test

Verbal  
Reasoning

150.75

Quantitative  
Reasoning

151.91

Analytical  
Writing

3.61

## CAN THE TEST BE TAKEN MORE THAN ONCE?



- Once every 21 days
- Up to 5 times within any continuous rolling 12-month period

Scores are available & accepted at many institutions for up to 5 years

## How Are Multiple Test Scores Viewed?

### “Noticeable Score Increase”

All scores will be viewed by the admission board, but a noticeable score increase will be given the most attention



### “Best Section Performance”

All scores will be viewed by the admission board and the best individual score from each section will be utilized to compile the best score

## HOW DO SCHOOLS USE GRE SCORES?

Used by admissions or fellowship panels as a supplement to your undergraduate records, letters of recommendation, and other required qualifications specific to the graduate program