GRE Information

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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
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

- 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: $185
- Subject Tests: $150

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; ½ 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?

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- 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