

# Graduate Admission Exams Guide

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What are the most common graduate school admission exams?

- GRE-Graduate Record Examination
- GMAT-Graduate Management Admission Test
- LSAT-Law School Admission Test
- MCAT-Medical College Admission Test

# GRE

## Graduate Record Examination

### Worried about the **GRE?**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Why Take It</b>                    | The test is required for admission to most graduate schools and a growing number of business schools.   |
| <b>Test Structure</b>                 | The GRE consists of a 75-minute Analytical Writing section, a 30-minute Verbal Reasoning section, and a 45-minute Quantitative Reasoning section. |
| <b>Test Format</b>                    | Offered in paper-based and computer-adaptive formats.   |
| <b>How It's Scored</b>                | Total Composite Score 120 - 180.  |
| <b>Cost</b>                           | \$150   |
| <b>Testing Time</b>                   | 3+ hours depending on the format  |
| <b>How Long Are Scores Valid For?</b> | 5 years   |

- Most commonly required admissions test for graduate school
- Most applicants take a computer based test, which *adapts the difficulty level of its questions each time you submit an answer*
- Know the program codes for the 4 schools you wish to apply to before the test.
- Valid for 5 years
- **Fee: \$205 (not \$150)**

For registration and other details:  
Create Your ETS.org Account - <https://www.ets.org/gre/>

ETS GRE

ETS Home > GRE Home ETS Account

The answer to "What's next?"  
The GRE® General Test

For Test Takers For Institutions

## The GRE® Tests

The GRE® General Test gives you more opportunities for success.

Whether you are considering graduate, business or law school or still deciding what to do, you only need to take the one test accepted by

### GRE General Test >

- About the Test
- GRE® Information Bulletin and Forms
- Test Centers and Dates

[The GRE General Test](#)

**REGISTER NOW** Seats are open! [Register today >](#)

# GRE Test Prep Resources

- Lehman College Test Prep Course (paid)- <http://www.lehman.edu/academics/continuing-education/test-preparation-general-information.php>
- Math and Computer Science Club webpage- <http://comet.lehman.cuny.edu/sormani/mathclub/english.html>
- ETS (administers the test, free resources, with paid premium content)- [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/prepare/?WT.ac=grehome\\_greprepare\\_c\\_180410](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/?WT.ac=grehome_greprepare_c_180410)
- ETS Practice Book- [https://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/practice\\_book\\_GRE\\_pb\\_revised\\_general\\_test.pdf](https://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/practice_book_GRE_pb_revised_general_test.pdf)
- Discover Business (great guide to the GRE with links to study materials)- <https://www.discoverbusiness.us/resources/gre/>
- Manhattan Prep (free resources with paid premium content)- <https://www.manhattanprep.com/gre/resources/>
- Crunch Prep (GRE guide with links to free resources) - <https://crunchprep.com/gre/2014/free-gre-practice-tests>
- Graduate Hotline (Great guide with links to free resources) - <https://www.graduateshotline.com/gre.html>
- Study Guide Zone (GRE Study Guide)- <https://www.studyguidezone.com/images/greteststudyguide.pdf>





# GMAT


## Graduate Management Admission Test

| GMAT Basics        |  |
|--------------------|--|
| GMAT Test Dates    | Any Day all Year Long, Minus Holidays  |
| GMAT Length        | 3 hours, 30 minutes                    |
| GMAT Sections      | Quantitative, Analytic Writing, Verbal |
| GMAT Cost          | \$250                                  |
| Highest GMAT Score | 800                                    |
| Average GMAT Score | 556                                    |


- Admissions test for MBA programs
- You will receive 4 scores, plus an Overall score, which is the more important
- *Of the 4 sections, 2 are adaptive and will adjust the questions' difficulty level each time you answer.*
- Valid for 5 years

# GMAT Format

|  | ANALYTICAL WRITING ASSESSMENT   | INTEGRATED REASONING   | QUANTITATIVE REASONING  | VERBAL REASONING   |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| <br>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS | 1 Essay   | 12 Questions   | 31 Questions  | 36 Questions   |
| <br>QUESTION TYPE       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of an argument</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-Source Reasoning</li> <li>• Graphics Interpretation</li> <li>• Two-Part Analysis</li> <li>• Table Analysis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Sufficiency</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Comprehension</li> <li>• Critical Reasoning</li> <li>• Sentence Correction</li> </ul> |
| <br>TIMING              | 30 Minutes  | 30 Minutes   | 62 Minutes  | 65 Minutes   |
| <br>WHAT IS MEASURED   | Your ability to think critically and communicate your ideas                 | Your ability to evaluate information presented in multiple formats from multiple sources   | Your ability to analyze data and draw conclusions using basic math skills                       | Your ability to read and understand written material, evaluate arguments, and correct written material                                 |



**TOTAL EXAM TIME**  
3 HOURS (187 MIN)



**TOTAL SCORE**  
200 – 800

For Registration and other details:  
<https://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/register.aspx>

## Register for the GMAT Exam

SCHEDULE YOUR EXAM

FIND A TEST CENTER

CANCEL YOUR GMAT  
EXAM

RESCHEDULE YOUR  
GMAT EXAM

RETAKE THE GMAT  
EXAM

REGISTER AS A TEST  
TAKER WITH  
DISABILITIES

**The GMAT exam is accepted at more than 2,300 business schools worldwide.**

The GMAT exam, available around the world throughout the year, lets you showcase the skills that business school admissions officers and corporate recruiters look for.

[> SCHEDULE A GMAT EXAM](#)

Admissions deadlines for graduate business programs vary. Check with the schools you are interested in attending and set up your GMAT exam ahead of time to ensure your scores are reported prior to application deadlines.

**Scheduling Fee:** US\$250.00

When you register to take the GMAT exam, you are agreeing to the Privacy Statement on [mba.com](https://www.mba.com) and all of the terms and conditions set forth in the [GMAT Handbook](#).

- [For VAT information, view location-specific test center regulations](#)
- [Get more information about paying for the GMAT exam](#)
- For test takers under age 18, [download the GMAT parental consent form](#) (pdf).



# GMAT Test Prep Resources

- GMAT Official Practice Test Starter Kit and Exams 1& 2 (Free with registration, paid premium content) - <https://www.mba.com/exam-prep/gmat-official-starter-kit-practice-exams-1-and-2-free>
- Khan Academy- <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/gmat>
- Kaplan (Free practice test, paid premium content) - <https://www.kaptest.com/gmat/free/gmat-practice-test-options>
- Babson College (Free practice tests) - <http://gmat.babson.edu/>
- Study Guide Zone GMAT Study Guide- <https://www.studyguidezone.com/images/gmatteststudyguide.pdf>
- Manhattan Review (Free downloaded Study Guides) - <http://www.manhattanreview.com/gmat-free-downloads/>


# LSAT

## Law School Admission Test


| LSAT Quick Facts          |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>LSAT Test Dates</b>    | 7 times/year starting in 2018   |
| <b>LSAT Length</b>        | 3 hours, 30 minutes   |
| <b>LSAT Sections</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logical Reasoning</li><li>• Analytical Reasoning</li><li>• Reading Comprehension</li><li>• Writing Sample</li></ul> |
| <b>LSAT Cost</b>          | \$190, but there are other fees too. See below for more detail.   |
| <b>LSAT Score Range</b>   | 120-180   |
| <b>LSAT Average Score</b> | 151   |

- Most common admission test for law school
- For admission the following year, you should take the LSAT by December
- While there are 4 sections, the Logical Reasoning section is repeated, for a total of 5 sections
- Every section but the Writing Sample is multiple choice
- There is a fee waiver program.
- Valid for 5 years

# For registration and other details create an LSAC.org Account - <https://os.lsac.org/Logon/Access.aspx>



## LSAC.org Account Access




So You Want to Go to Law School. **WHAT'S NEXT?**

User ID:

Password:

**Secure Login**

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Dont have an account? [Create an account](#)



### GET STARTED

#### 1. Create an LSAC.org Account

In order to register to take the LSAT you will need to create an LSAC.org account. Create an account today and also discover the other benefits included with your LSAC.org account.

» [Create an account.](#)

#### 2. Register for the LSAT

All American Bar Association approved law schools, most Canadian law schools, and many other law schools require applicants to take the LSAT. The LSAT test is administered at locations throughout the world.

#### 3. Prepare for the LSAT

Get a free, personalized practice plan with official tests and practice problems.

Khan Academy, in collaboration with LSAC, has created the first official online LSAT Prep program so you can build the skills and confidence to be ready on test day. 100% Free.

» [Khan Academy Official LSAT Prep](#)

# LSAT Test Prep Resources

- Pre-Law Society- <https://lehman.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/prelawsociety>
- CUNY School of Law Pipeline to Justice (Free, but competitive and you must apply)- <http://www.law.cuny.edu/academics/support/pipeline.html>
- New York City Bar LSAT/Law School Prep Series- <https://www.nycbar.org/serving-the-community/diversity-and-inclusion/student-pipeline-programs/programs/lsatlaw-school-prep-series-lsat-prep>
- Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/lsat>
- PreProBono (free LSAT program, but with a \$50 deposit) - <http://www.preprobono.org/programs/>
- LSAT Center Prep Guide- <https://www.lsat-center.com/prep-guide/>
- 7 Sage LSAT (free resources, with paid premium content) - <https://7sage.com/free-lsat-prep-tools/>
- Power Score LSAT Self-Study Guide - <https://www.powerscore.com/LSAT-Self-Study-Guide.pdf>

# MCAT

## Medical College Admission Test

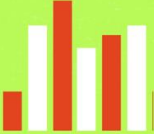
**MCAT PREP?**  
**4 TIPS YOU MUST FOLLOW**

MCAT is one test that needs more planning and scheduling than actual studying. Studypal.co brings to you tips for better scores in MCAT


**Attempt full length Practice Exams**  
This will help your brain cope up with the stress during the real time exam and will act as a stimulator for the actual test



**Hone Data Interpretation Skills**  
It is very common to lose marks in easy questions due to misinterpretation of given data. Practice enough to make your data interpretation skills perfect.



**Get a study partner**  
Having a study partner to help with your prep is the best option during your MCAT prep. You can help each other with remembering the facts and understanding the concepts



**Build a schedule and stick to it**  
MCAT prep takes a long time and it is absolutely essential that you keep a study schedule and stick to it. Dedication is crucial to a good MCAT score



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- Dates: Approximately 14 testing dates throughout the year
- Fee: \$310 (If you qualify for the Fee Assistance Program, the fee will reduce it to \$120.)
- Score Range: 118-132
  - You will be given a percentage based on how well you did compared to other applicants who took the same test.
- Test Length: ~7 hours and 30 minutes

# MCAT Sections

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## Chemical & Physical Foundations of Biological Systems

- 95 Minutes
- 59 Questions - 10 passage based sections; 15 individual questions
- Biology (5%), Biochemistry (25%), Organic Chemistry (15%), General Chemistry (30%), and Physics (25%)



## Critical Analysis & Reasoning Skills (CARS)

- 90 Minutes
- 53 Questions - 9 passage based sections
- 50% Humanities, 50% Social Sciences



## Biological & Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems

- 95 Minutes
- 59 Questions - 10 passage based sections; 15 individual questions
- Biochemistry (25%), Biology (65%), General chemistry (5%), and Organic Chemistry (5%)



## Psychological, Social, & Biological Foundations of Behavior

- 95 Minutes
- 59 Questions - 10 passage based sections; 15 individual questions
- 65% Psychology, 30% Sociology and 5% Biology

For registration and other information, create an AAMC ID - <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>

The screenshot shows the AAMC website's navigation and content for the MCAT exam. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Members', 'Students', 'Residents', 'Search', 'Store', and 'Sign In'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories like 'ADVISORS', 'ADVOCACY', 'CALENDAR', 'DATA', 'FINANCIAL AID', 'NEWS', and 'SERVICES'. A prominent menu bar features five main sections: 'Choosing a Medical Career', 'Applying to Medical School' (highlighted in red), 'Attending Medical School', 'Applying to Residency', and 'Training in a Residency or Fellowship'. The main content area is titled 'Taking the MCAT® Exam' and includes a descriptive paragraph about the exam. To the right, there is a social media section for '@AAMC\_MCAT' and two large red buttons: 'Register for the MCAT Exam »' and 'Get Your Test Scores »'. Below these is a 'Contact the MCAT Program' section with contact hours and a phone number (202-828-0600). At the bottom left, there is a photograph of students in a classroom setting.

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## Taking the MCAT® Exam

*The Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®), developed and administered by the AAMC, is a standardized, multiple-choice examination created to help medical school admissions offices assess your problem solving, critical thinking, and knowledge of natural, behavioral, and social science concepts and principles prerequisite to the study of medicine.*

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### Contact the MCAT Program

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET  
Closed Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. ET

202-828-0600

Online Contact Form



# MCAT Test Prep Resources

- Association of American Medical Colleges - <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/prepare-mcat-exam/>
- Khan Academy (best free resource)- <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/mcat>
- Hunter College - [http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth/repository/files/How to Create an MCAT Study Plan.pdf](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth/repository/files/How_to_Create_an_MCAT_Study_Plan.pdf)
- Kaplan (free sample questions, with paid premium content)- <https://www.kaptest.com/mcat/free/20-minute-workout>
- Princeton Review (1 free sample test, free sample questions, with paid premium content)- <https://www.princetonreview.com/medical/free-mcat-practice-test#!practice>
- Union Test Prep (free resources, with paid premium content)- <https://uniontestprep.com/mcat>
- Next Step Test Prep (free resources, with paid premium content)- <https://nextsteptestprep.com/mcat-resources-page/>
- MCAT Study Guide- <http://www.cas.usf.edu/healthprofessions/data/MCAT%20Sections-%20Study%20Guide.pdf>



# Study Tips

- Give yourself enough time to prepare, at least 1 year in advance of your test date.
- Plan out what subjects you will study and what activities you will complete on each specific day, whether it's taking a practice test or going over flashcards.
- Review and study one section of the test at a time.
- Practice each sample test as though it is the real one
- Time management is critical, so practice pacing.
- Know your study style and utilize it to be as productive as possible.
- Stay positive!