

GRE – Graduate Record Examination (General Test)

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**This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult www.ets.org/gre for more detailed instructions and information.*

Section	# Questions	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered
Analytical Writing	One essay task	30	0-6	Tests critical thinking and analytical writing skills. Assesses ability to articulate and support complex ideas, construct and evaluate arguments, and sustain a focused and coherent discussion.
Verbal Reasoning (two sections)	27	41	130-170	Measures your ability to analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it, analyze relationships among component parts of sentences and recognize relationships among words and concepts.
Quantitative Reasoning (two sections)	27	47	130-170	Measures problem-solving ability, focusing on basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis.
The overall testing time for the GRE® General Test is about 1 hour 58 minutes .				

Important Information:

- Beginning September 22, 2023, the GRE will move to a shorter testing format (see details in chart above).
- GRE General Test is taken by those who wish to enter physician assistant programs, veterinary school, and other health-related graduate programs.
- Offered year round at testing centers or from home.
- \$220 fee – Covers the cost of sending scores to the recipients you designate. After test day, you can order additional score reports for a fee of \$27 per recipient.
- Your unofficial Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores are presented upon finishing the test and the official scores will be available in your [ETS account](#) 8-10 days after your test date.
- You can take the GRE once every 21 days and no more than five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period.

Resources:

- UC [Learning Commons](#) (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)
- The [GRE General Test](#) has several ways to help you prepare for the test.
- Test Preparation through [UC Testing Services](#)
- Other test preparation – Educate yourself by investigating all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any test preparation company.
 - Kaplan: www.kaplan.com
 - Princeton Review: www.review.com
 - Examcrackers: www.examcrackers.com
 - Magoosh: gre.magoosh.com