

GRE – Graduate Record Examination Pre-Professional Advising Center

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

Section	# Questions	# Minutes	Score range	Competitive scores	Topics Covered
Analytical Writing (one section with two separately time tasks)	One “Analyze an Issue” task and one “Analyze an Argument” task	30 per task	0-6	4+	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)	20 per section	30 per section	130-170	155+	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)	20 per section	35 per section	130-170	155+	Measures problem-solving ability, focusing on basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis.
The overall testing time for the computer-delivered GRE® revised General Test is about three hours and 45 minutes. There are six sections with a 10-minute break following the third section.					

Important Information

- Exam taken by those applying to physician assistant, PT, veterinary, and other graduate programs.
- [\\$205 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. Rescheduling fee is \$50
- Computer-based test scores: You will view your unofficial Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores at the test center. Because of the essay scoring process, you will not view your Analytical Writing score at that time. Your official scores will be sent to you and the score recipients you designate approximately 10–15 days after your test date. [See sample score report.](#)
- You can test every 21 days and no more than five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period.

Resources

- 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.
 - [UC Continuing Education – GRE Prep](#)
 - [Reduced test prep rates for UC students and alumni \(Kaplan and Princeton Review\)](#)
 - Kaplan: kaplan.com -
 - Princeton Review: review.com
- [ETS GRE](#) has free and fee-based resources to help you prepare for the test.
- UC Learning Assistance Center: <https://www.uc.edu/learningcommons/resource.html> (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)