

# A Guide to the GRE

## **What is the GRE?**

Similar to the SAT exam you took in high school, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) assesses your knowledge of writing, math, and analytical skills.

## **How do I study for the GRE?**

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides free sample questions and software on their website ([https://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/prepare/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/)) which will aid you in preparing for the exam. There are also official GRE test prep materials which you can purchase online or at bookstores such as those produced by Kaplan which can be accessed on their website (<https://www.kaptest.com/gre>), as well as those produced by The Princeton Review (<https://www.princetonreview.com/grad/gre-test-prep>). To maximize your studying, take a practice test to assess which areas you need to improve in. Make a schedule for yourself to study for a set amount of time each day without interruption and get plenty of rest each night.

## **Why should I take the GRE?**

If you're planning on pursuing an advanced degree, taking the GRE helps graduate schools decide if you are right for their program. If you achieve high scores on your exam, you have a better chance at being accepted into a graduate program.

## **What do the scores mean?**

- Analytical Writing: Scored on a 0-6 scale
- Quantitative Reasoning: Scored on a 130-170 scale
- Verbal Reasoning: Scored on a 130-170 scale

You should always aim for the highest score possible, but acceptable scores for the quantitative and verbal reasoning sections are 150+, and at least a 4.5 for the analytical writing section. The average scores for these sections are 150 for each reasoning section, and 3.6 for the writing section.

## **How do I register?**

You must pay a fee of \$160 and decide whether to take the computer-delivered test or the paper-delivered test. You should also create an account on the ETS website to keep yourself updated on test center information.

## **How/Where/When do I take the GRE?**

To find a date and time to take the GRE, please follow this link to find a time and place that works best for you: [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/register/centers\\_dates/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register/centers_dates/)