

Graduate Management Admission Test

What is the GMAT? The GMAT is a three-part computer-based exam that measures verbal, mathematical, and analytical writing skills. It does not measure knowledge of business, job skills, specific content from undergraduate coursework or a specific subject area, or subjective qualities such as motivation, creativity, or interpersonal skills.

When can I take the GMAT? You may take the GMAT once per 31 calendar days and no more than 5 times in a 12-month period. You must register in advance to take the GMAT. Early registration will help ensure that you get your preferred date and receive your study materials in time to prepare. Register online at www.mba.com or call 1-800-707-GMAT (1-800-717-4628).

How much does it cost? There is a \$250 charge each time you take the GMAT.

Where do I take the test? The testing center closest to Rollins College is: Pearson Professional Centers, 1707 Orlando Central Parkway, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32809.

What can I expect to see on the GMAT?

The **Analytical Writing Assessment** includes Analysis of an Issue & Analysis of an Argument (30 minutes each). Analysis of an Issue tests your ability to explore the complexities of an issue or opinion and to take a position that is informed by your understanding. Analysis of an Argument tests your ability to formulate an appropriate and constructive critique of a conclusion based on a specific line of thinking.

The **Quantitative Section** consists of 37 multiple-choice questions (75 minutes). Data Sufficiency questions are designed to measure your ability to analyze a quantitative problem, recognize which information is relevant, and determine at what point there is sufficient information to solve a problem. Problem Solving questions are designed to test basic mathematical skills and understanding of related concepts; knowledge of arithmetic, basic algebra, and commonly known geometry concepts; and the ability to reason quantitatively and solve quantitative problems.

The **Verbal Section** consists of 41 multiple-choice questions (75 minutes). Reading Comprehension questions evaluate your ability to understand words, statements, and relationships between concepts in reading passages; draw inferences from facts and statements in reading passages; and understand and follow the development of quantitative concepts in reading passages. Critical Reasoning questions measure your ability to construct and evaluate an argument; and formulate and evaluate a plan of action. Sentence Correction questions test two broad aspects of language proficiency: correct and effective expression.

How is the GMAT scored? The GMAT yields four scores: Verbal, Quantitative, Total, and Analytical Writing Assessment. Each of these scores is reported on a fixed scale and will appear on the official GMAT score report. Total GMAT scores range from 200-800; two-thirds of test takers score between 400 and 600. The Verbal and Quantitative scores each range from 0-60. Scores below 9 and above 44 for the Verbal section or below 7 and above 50 for the Quantitative section are rare. The Analytical Writing Assessment is an average of the ratings given to each of the two writing sections; scores of each essay are averaged to provide an overall score, ranging from 0-6.

When are scores available? When you schedule your GMAT appointment, you will be asked to indicate how you want to access your official score report online or receive it in the mail. Within about 20 days of your testing, you will receive an email online with a link to access your score report, or you will receive it in the mail. Programs that you select to receive your test scores will also receive notice within 20 days.

How do I prepare for the GMAT?

- On your own: Visit www.MBA.com to read about the format of the exam and what to expect on test day. Download and use the free GMATPrep software to become familiar with computer-based testing and to review the types of questions that will be asked in each section. Download retired GMAT tests; each set of tests includes timed sections, an answer sheet, and a way to convert your raw score to the equivalent GMAT score.
- Through Rollins College: GMAT Review Course is offered by Crummer Graduate School of Business. The class meets a total of four Saturdays and includes a verbal review section, mathematics review section, a networking luncheon & The Official Guide for GMAT Review book. For additional information, visit: <http://www.rollins.edu/execed/>
- Through The Princeton Review: Visit www.princetonreview.com for information on private tutoring, classroom preparation sessions, and online review courses.
- Through Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions: Visit www.kaptest.com for information on private tutoring, classroom preparation sessions, and online review courses.
- Through UCF Continuing Education: Visit www.testprep.ucf.edu or call 407-882-TEST for information on lower-cost GMAT Test Prep courses.

What are some good study strategies and test-taking tips for the GMAT?

- Practice test questions under timed conditions so that you can get used to the pace of the test.
- Review the testing policies and understand how the computer-based test works.
- Take a free Practice Exam! Sign up at the Office of Career Services each semester.
- Do not spend too much time on any one question.
- Leave no question unanswered. Nothing is subtracted from your score if you answer a question incorrectly so give it your best shot!
- Get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before arriving at the test center.

