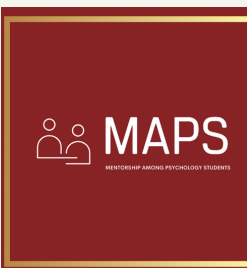


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The Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Information and Study Tips

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GRE General



What is it? The GRE General is a standardized test that aims to assess the test-takers ability to succeed in graduate school. This test includes three sections: Verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and analytic writing.



Different sections: GRE General includes 7 sections: two 30-minute Analytical Writing Sections, two 30-minute Verbal Reasoning Sections, two 30-minute Quantitative Reasoning Sections, and One experimental section (either Verbal or Quantitative) that does not count towards your score. The exam takes approximately 4 hours to complete.



GRE Scores : Scores on the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections range from 130 to 170. Scores on the Analytic Writing range section from 0 to 6.



Cost: The GRE General costs \$205 USD (~\$275 CAD). Book your test date at least 1 month in advance. It costs \$27 USD (~\$37 CAD) to send score reports to schools that require official scores.

GRE Subject



What is it? The GRE Subject (Psychology) is a standardized test that aims to assess knowledge of core areas in psychology most commonly covered in undergraduate-level courses.



Different areas: The GRE Subject (Psychology) includes questions about the Biological, Clinical, Cognitive, Developmental, Measurement and Methodology, Social, and Developmental areas of psychology. The exam includes ~205 multiple choice questions in one 2 hour and 50 minute session.



GRE Scores: Scores on the GRE Subject (Psychology) range from 200 to 990.



Cost: The GRE Subject costs \$150 USD (~\$200 CAD). Book your test date at least 1 month in advance. It costs \$27 USD (~\$37 CAD) to send score reports to schools that require official scores.

Study Tips for your GRE(s)



- **Self-assess:** BEFORE you study or book your examination, **start with a practice test**, grade it, and compare your answers to the correct ones! Identify your biggest areas of improvement.
- **Self-care:** Eat well, sleep well, and engage in self-care. Don't neglect your own needs and well-being throughout this process! Lastly, try not to let a poor result get the best of you after the exam.
 - Balance longer study sessions with shorter ones
 - Relax the day before your exam!
- **Test-taking tips:**
 - Eliminate answers that you know are incorrect.
 - When you really don't know: Guess!
 - Don't get hung up on a tricky question: Mark tough questions for review.
 - Read all texts, questions, and answers carefully.
 - Practice GRE Questions, reflect, and then practice again!
- **Set SMART Goals:** Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely
- **Studying Resources:** Study materials from ETS, Magoosh, Manhattan, Kaplan, and **practice tests**.
- Note that GREs are not always mandatory (especially during COVID). Check your program requirements - optional does not necessarily mean recommended! Contact program directors if you have any questions.