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GRE Prep Course

for graduate school admissions

"Excel Test helped me increase my score Instantly! After four weeks of great instruction, my score increased by 40 points!"

Andres Q., GRE Improvement

The GRE is a 4-hour computerized exam required for admission to graduate school. The maximum score on the GRE, which is a combination of the Quantitative and Verbal sections, is 340.

A Excel Test prep course is the best way to prepare for the GRE.

We offer a variety of formats, so there is a course to suit the needs and schedule of every student.

Course Options **Step 1: Choose From 1 of 4 Course Formats** **Step 2: Determine a Schedule That Works For You**
 All course options cover the same material! Visit www.exceltest.com for classroom course schedules or call the office for custom schedules.

| | ① Full Length Classroom Course | ② Online Course | ③ 1-on-1 Course | ④ Custom Classroom Course |
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| Format | 12 sessions of 3-4 hours each: 40 hours of total class time | | | |
| Format | 2-3 classes per week for 6 weeks | Take the classes at your own pace over 120 days. | You pick the schedule and location. | You pick the schedule and location. |
| How Will I Receive Instruction? | Learn in a classroom setting with an instructor. | Learn whenever and wherever through unlimited access to high definition online video lessons. | Learn with a private tutor at our office or at your house. | Learn with an instructor at the location of your choice. |
| Pricing | \$899: early registration \$699: with 10 person group discount | \$899 | \$3,999: Excel Main Office \$4,999: Student's home in San Francisco Bay Area | Call for pricing. |
| Additional Notes | Eligible for Group Discounts: 3-4 people: \$50 off each 5-9 people: \$100 off each 10+ people: \$200 off each | Comes with full support and all the course materials that are included with classroom courses. | Can be done in small groups. 50% off for each student after the first student. | Requires 15 students. |

All full length course options include:

- 12 classes of 3-4 hours each
- 10 point score increase guarantee
- Coverage of all the topics that appear on the GRE, including a complete Writing Strategy Review
- Excel Test Course Manual & books (with free express shipping for online students)
- Computerized feedback & analysis on GRE tests
- Over 1200 Pages of course materials including *The Official Guide to the GRE Revised General Test*
- Eight GRE practice exams

1-on-1 Tutoring:

- 1-on-1 Tutoring is available for all GRE subjects and can be scheduled as needed. Highly qualified tutors can work with you from 10 a.m.–9 p.m. seven days a week. Tutoring is available in 3 different formats—in person at our Fremont Main Office (\$129 per hour), in person at your home (\$199 per hour), or online (combination of phone and internet communication for \$129 per hour). Discounts are available for purchasing multiple tutoring sessions.

Sample GRE Course Schedule

- Class 1: **GRE Exam #1**
- Class 2: Analytical Writing
- Class 3: Geometry
- Class 4: Text Completion + MST
- Class 5: Word Problems
- Class 6: **GRE Exam #2**
- Class 7: Reading Comprehension
- Class 8: Advanced Math & Quantitative Comparison
- Class 9: **GRE Exam #3**
- Class 10: Critical Reasoning
- Class 11: Math Workshop
- Class 12: **GRE Exam #4**

Visit our website for course schedules and details.

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Top 10 Reasons To Choose Excel Test Prep

1. It's plain and simple—our classes are fun and we keep students excited.
2. Highly qualified, dynamic teachers keep you engaged while teaching unique strategies.
3. Our materials are based on real exams, not simulated questions.
4. You can learn your way—live, online, or with a 1-on-1 instructor.
5. Our score improvement guarantee is the best around!
6. Each course is taught by a variety of instructors, and each instructor is an expert in the specific topic they are teaching.
7. Our teachers frequently take the GRE to stay current on any changes.
8. You can take the class with your peers and receive a group discount.
9. We offer great office support with staff members who are dedicated to helping you reach your goals.
10. We have offered GRE preparation for over 25 years, and are one of the fastest growing test preparation companies in the nation.

Course Benefits

Excel Test GRE courses have helped thousands of students get into the graduate schools of their choice. Our teachers are experienced in their fields and extensively trained in the art of GRE test preparation. Unlike other courses led by one teacher with limited knowledge across many subject areas, the Excel Test GRE courses are taught by several instructors each of whom has specialized knowledge in specific areas. These instructors are trained to help students pinpoint their challenge areas, so that they can improve in those specific areas.

10 POINT SCORE INCREASE GUARANTEE!* Excel Test Prep guarantees that if you attend every class and complete all your required homework, your GRE score will go up by at least 10 points. If not, then you can take our next available GRE course absolutely FREE. Our goal is for you to achieve your goals on the GRE. (See student agreement for details.)

COMPUTERIZED FEEDBACK! Excel Test Prep provides computerized grading and feedback after each in-class GRE exam. This will give you information about the various areas you need to focus on to improve your score. All exams given are official GRE exams.

ADDITIONAL HELP! Extra help is always available before and after each class. One-on-one tutoring is also available for a fee during and after the course.

GROUP DISCOUNTS!*

Groups of 3 or more receive a \$25 DISCOUNT PER PERSON.

Groups of 5 or more receive a \$50 DISCOUNT PER PERSON.

Groups of 10 or more receive a \$100 DISCOUNT PER PERSON.

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Our website has complete details, eligibility requirements, and conditions.

“Excel Test Prep is one of the best investments I have ever made. Their hints and tricks really helped. The homework and sample tests also were a big help in preparing for the exam. I would recommend them to anyone thinking of taking the GRE!”

Lisa G., GRE Improvement: +23 points

GRE testfacts

About: The GRE is a 4-hour computerized exam required for admission to graduate school.

Governing Body: Educational Testing Service (ETS)

Official Website: www.ets.org

Test Length: Approx. 4 hours (including 5 min. breaks between sections)

Test Subjects & Format: The GRE has 3 sections: Analytical Writing, Quantitative, and Verbal.

| Subject | Format | What It Includes |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Analytical Writing (1 Section) | 2 Essay Writing Tasks (30 min. allotted per task) | Tasks ask you to 1) analyze an issue and 2) analyze an argument |
| Quantitative (2 sections) | 20 Questions per section (35 min. per section) | Questions on Problem Solving and Quantitative Comparison |
| Verbal (2 Sections) | 20 Questions per section (30 min. per section) | Questions on reading comprehension, critical reasoning, and text completion |
| Experimental (1 Section) | Approx. 40 Questions (30 min.) | An unidentified Verbal or Quantitative section may be included and may appear in any order after the Analytical Writing Section. It is not counted as part of your score. |

Number of questions and time per section is for the computer-based test.

The GRE is offered as a computer-based test in most parts of the world. Paper-based testing is offered in areas where computer-based testing is not available. The computer-based GRE is an MST (Multi-Stage Adaptive Test) exam. During MST exams, the difficulty of the second section of each subject is determined by the student's performance on the first section of that subject.

Grading: The Quantitative and Verbal sections are graded on a scale of 130-170. The Analytical Writing section receives a score from 0-6. The maximum score on the GRE, which is a combination of the Quantitative and Verbal sections, is 340. The Writing section is not factored into the overall score.

Test Dates & Locations: Because the GRE is a computerized test, the GRE is given year-round in test centers around the country. To schedule a specific session visit www.ets.org.

Registration: Registration for the official GRE can be done at www.ets.org. It is wise to sign up 6-8 weeks ahead of time to get your preferred test center and time.

Test Fees: The 2020-2021 test fee is \$205 (registration fee). (Pricing may vary from year to year. Check the ETS website for the most up-to-date test fee.)

Score Goals

What is a good score on the GRE? The average student scores around a 150 on both the GRE Verbal and Quantitative sections and a 4 on the Analytical Writing Section. A good score might be considered anything above 155 on the Verbal section and above 160 on the Quantitative section. However, what constitutes a good score will vary by school and by program. You will likely need a higher score to be admitted to a prestigious graduate program. Also consider that programs in mathematics and sciences will place more emphasis on Quantitative scores, while Verbal section scores are more important for programs in the humanities. To determine your specific goal, research the admissions requirements for the school and program you are interested in.

| University | Avg. GRE Score |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Harvard University | 321 |
| Rice University | 323 |
| Duke University | 318 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Tech. (MIT) | 322 |
| Princeton University | 323 |
| University of Arizona | 310 |

| University | Avg. GRE Score |
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| UC - Berkeley | 320 |
| University of Colorado | 318 |
| University of Florida | 307 |
| University of Houston | 298 |
| University of Texas - Austin | 318 |
| Texas A&M University | 316 |

This table represents information compiled from the websites of individual programs. It is subject to change and should be verified with the school.

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“The teachers are very informative and patient, and they provided a systematic approach to all the problems and strategies. I had a great experience with Excel Test Prep.”

Preethi G., GRE Improvement: +19 points

FAQs

How does the MST (Multi-Stage Test) work? The computer-based GRE is section-level adaptive. There are two subjects, Verbal and Quantitative. There are two sections for the Verbal subject and two sections for the Quantitative subject. The first section of each subject will have a variety of questions of different topics and difficulty, but it will be designed to have an overall average level of difficulty. The difficulty of the second section is based on your performance on the first section. For example, if you score very high on the first section, you will see more difficult questions on the second section. You will also be able to skip a question or go back to change it later by using the “mark and review” feature. A key part of preparing for the GRE is understanding the MST format and how your score is determined.

When should I take the GRE? The GRE is given year-round in testing centers all across the country. When you should take the GRE depends on the application deadline of the school to which you are applying. Consult the admissions office(s) of your prospective school(s) about their schedules and deadlines.

When do I get my scores? You will get an unofficial score report with Verbal and Quantitative scores immediately after the test. Official Score Reports with percentile rankings are available online within 10 - 15 days after the test date.

What if I take the GRE and do poorly?

You can cancel your score immediately after you finish the exam but before you see your scores. Scores can not be canceled after they have been reported to you. However, the GRE provides the *ScoreSelect* option which allows you to send only those scores that you want schools to see. On the day of the test, you will be able to send your score from the current test to up to four schools free of charge. You can also choose not to send the score if you are not certain that you have scored well enough. There is a fee to send older scores. Scores can be sent from any test administration from the last five years.

How many times can I take the GRE? You can take the test once every 21 days, and up to five times within any continuous rolling one year period. This applies even if you canceled your scores on a test taken previously.

Where can I go to find information about graduate school rankings? For information on graduate school rankings please visit www.usnews.com or visit www.businessweek.com.

How important is the GRE for admissions? In addition to the GRE, admission officers generally look at your transcript, prior work experience, recommendations, and the essays in your application packet. While the GRE is not the only criterion used for admissions, it can have a big impact on whether or not you are accepted to the graduate school of your choice. While admission requirements vary widely among schools and among programs within a school, most graduate programs require scores for the GRE General Test or a GRE Subject Test or both.

What factors are most important in choosing a graduate program? The choice of school depends on financial factors, overall academic rank, specialty degree areas, as well as locality. Generally speaking, it is best to get into the highest ranked school for your targeted specialty area that you can; otherwise, pick your nearest best option that fits your personal situation.

“The teachers were great and the course work was fantastic. Well worth the time and money.”

Raj P.

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