



Why Choose the GRE Over the GMAT?



The GRE Is...

More Broadly Accepted

Access 20,000+ graduate, business and law programs with GRE. GMAT is limited to b-school.

Friendlier

Change your answers and use a calculator during the GRE Quantitative Reasoning sections.

Cheaper

The GRE is up to \$80 less than GMAT and up to \$110 less if you also need to take the GMAC Business Assessment.

Shorter

The GRE takes less than 2 hours!

The GRE was taken 4x more than the GMAT in 2023!

How Else Do the Tests Compare?

| GRE® General Test | GMAT™ Exam |
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| Three measures: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing. | Three measures: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Data Insights. Some schools may require you to take a separate writing test since GMAT doesn't include writing. |
| Test fee is \$220 in most locations. | Test fee is up to \$300. The GMAC writing assessment, which you may need to take as some schools are starting to require a standardized writing assessment, is another \$30. |
| Answer questions in any order – and change answers as many times as you like – within each section. | Questions must be answered in order. You can change up to three answers per section. |
| Includes 1 essay, allowing you to demonstrate your analytical writing skills. | No opportunity to demonstrate your writing skills on the GMAT Exam. Those required to submit writing scores will need to schedule a separate 30-minute writing assessment. |
| Section-level adaptive, meaning the second section of Quantitative and Verbal Reasoning will be easier or harder based on your performance on the first section. This gives you flexibility to answer questions in any order and change your answers within each section. | Question-level adaptive, meaning the program selects your next question based on previous response performance. This forces you to answer questions in the order they are presented and limits your ability to change answers in each section. |
| No penalty for unanswered questions or incorrect answers – so don't skip, guess! | There is a penalty for unanswered questions. |
| Receive official scores within 8 days. | Receive official scores in 1-3 days, though they could take up to 20 business days to process. |

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