The GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) is the most popular business school admissions test; however, most schools are recognizing and accepting the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) as an acceptable alternative. To determine which test is right for you, and the differences between the two tests, please see below: 2021

**GRE**

- Number of Test Takers per/yr: 341,574
- Cost: Price varies each year
- When: Year-round
- Where: Secure testing environment
- Paper/Computerized: Computerized but in areas of the world where computers are unavailable paper-based tests are administered three times per year
- Total Time: 2 hours
- 90th Percentile (a good score): 162
- **VERBAL QUESTIONS**
  - Sentence Equivalence
  - Reading Comprehension
  - Critical Reasoning
  - Text Completion
  - Emphasis on Vocabulary
- Format: Choose all answers that apply
- Verbal Tips: Learn Words - Not Definitions. The only way to understand complex vocabulary is to understand how it functions in context. Reading from newspapers and magazines can be very helpful.
- **MATCH QUESTIONS**
  - Arithmetic
  - Algebra
  - Geometry
  - Data Interpretation
  - Word Problems
  - **Easier than GMAT math**
- Format: Multiple Choice
- Calculator: Yes. This can be a blessing and a curse depending on your test-taking style.

**GMAT**

- Number of Test Takers per/yr: 106,565
- Cost: Price varies each year
- When: Year-round
- Where: Secure testing environment
- Paper/Computerized: Computerized only
- Total Time: 3 hours 30 minutes (plus short breaks)
- 90th Percentile (a good score): 710
- **VERBAL QUESTIONS**
  - Sentence Correction
  - Reading Comprehension
  - Critical Reasoning
  - Emphasis on Grammar
- Format: Multiple choice
- Verbal Tips: Learn to “Speak” Grammar. Knowing your clauses and commas won’t just help on Sentence Correction but on the rest of the Verbal section. Pick up a grammar primer.
- **MATCH QUESTIONS**
  - Arithmetic
  - Algebra
  - Geometry
  - Data Interpretation
  - Word Problems
  - **Harder than GRE math**
- Format: Problem Solving (multiple choice)
- Calculator: No calculator allowed.

*While more and more schools are accepting the GRE, it’s a good idea to view the statistics of the schools you would like to attend to see how many students are actually accepted that took the GRE over the GMAT.*