

# GRE v GMAT

The GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) is the most popular business school admissions test; however, more and more 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:

	GRE	GMAT
Number of Test Takers per/yr	572,779	238,356
Cost	Price varies each year	Price varies each year
When	Year-round	Year-round
Where	Secure testing environment	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	Computerized only
<b>Total Time</b>	3 hours 45 minutes (plus short breaks)	3 hours 30 minutes (plus short breaks)
90th Percentile (a good score)	162	700
<b>Verbal Questions</b>	Sentence Equivalence Reading Comprehension Critical Reasoning Text Completion <b>Emphasis on Vocabulary</b>	Sentence Correction Reading Comprehension Critical Reasoning <b>Emphasis on Grammar</b>
Format	Choose all answers that apply Choose a sentence in the passage Multiple choice	Multiple Choice
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.	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.
<b>Math Questions</b>	Arithmetic Algebra Geometry Data Interpretation Word Problems <b>Easier than GMAT math</b>	Arithmetic Algebra Geometry Data Interpretation Word Problems <b>Harder than GRE math</b>
Format	Multiple Choice Multiple Answer Numeric Entry Quantitative Comparisons	Problem Solving (multiple choice) Data Sufficiency
Calculator	Yes. This can be a blessing and a curse depending on your test-taking style.	No calculator allowed.

\* While more and more schools are accepting the GRE, it's a good idea to view the admissions handout to see how many students are actually accepted that took the GRE over the GMAT