

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION

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What is the GRE?

The GRE measures critical thinking, analytical writing, verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning skills that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are not related to any specific field of study.

How many times can I take the GRE? Is it expensive?

You may take the GRE once per calendar month and no more than 5 times in a 12-month period. The test will cost \$140 each time you take it.

Where do I take the test?

The closest testing center to Rollins College is:
Prometric Testing Center
2301 Lucien Way, Suite 150
Maitland, Florida, 32751

You must register in advance to take the GRE. Early registration will help ensure you get your preferred date and receive your study materials in time to prepare.

Register online at www.gre.org or call 1-800-GRE-CALL (1-800-473-2255).

What can I expect to see on the GRE?

Analytical Writing - 1 Issue task (45 minutes) and 1 Argument task (30 minutes)

The skills measured here include the test taker's ability to:

- articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively
- examine claims and accompanying evidence
- support ideas with relevant reasons and examples
- sustain a well-focused, coherent discussion
- control the elements of standard written English

Verbal Reasoning - 30 questions (30 minutes)

The skills measured here include the test taker's ability to:

- analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it
- analyze relationships among component parts of sentences
- recognize relationships between words and concepts

Quantitative Reasoning - 28 questions (45 minutes)

The skills measured here include the test taker's ability to:

- understand basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis
- reason quantitatively
- solve problems in a quantitative setting

How is the GRE scored?

The GRE is scored on a scale of 1600, similar to the SAT. The Quantitative and Verbal Reasoning sections are each scored on a scale from 200-800, in ten point increments. The Analytical Writing score is reported on a 0-6 point scale, in half point increments.

How do you compare with the national average of all GRE test takers?

- Verbal Reasoning mean - 465
- Quantitative Reasoning mean - 584
- Total Score mean - 1049
- Analytical Writing - 4.1

When are GRE scores available?

Score reports will be mailed to you and up to four graduate institutions (at no additional charge) within 10-15 days of your completed exam. However, it is recommended that you take the test at least three-four weeks prior to any application deadlines at your graduate institution.

How do I prepare for the GRE?

- Utilize the free GRE PowerPrep Software, available for download from gre.com
- Search Amazon or Barnes and Noble for books and resources that include interactive CD-Roms
- Check the Rollins College bookstore for preparation materials and study guides
- Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions offers private tutoring, classroom preparation sessions and online review courses (www.kaptest.com)
- The Princeton Review offers private tutoring, classroom preparation sessions and online review courses (www.princetonreview.com)
- UCF Continuing Education offers lower-cost GRE Test Prep courses (www.testprep.ucf.edu or 407-882-TEST)

What are some good study strategies and test-taking tips?

- Practice test questions under timed conditions so that you can get used to the pace of the test.
- Use the computer tutorial (GRE PowerPrep software) that will be sent to you upon registration.
- Review the testing policies and understand how the computer-based test works. For example, computer adaptive tests require that you answer every question in the order it is presented. You cannot skip a question and go back.
- Do not spend too much time on any one question.
- Leave no question unanswered. Nothing is subtracted from your score if you answer a question incorrectly so give it your best shot!
- Get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before arriving at the test center.

