



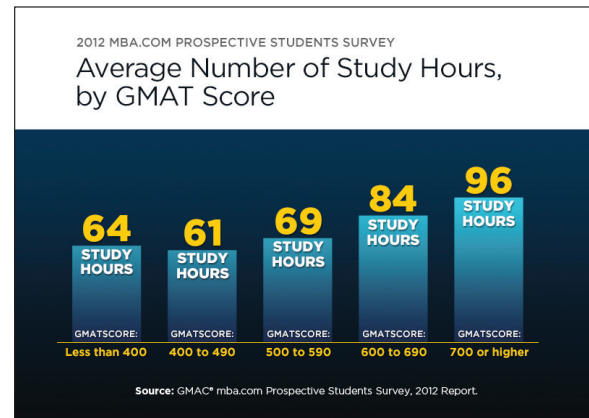
The GMAT® Exam

Practice and preparation pay off

The GMAT exam unlocks a world of opportunity to find the right program that matches your goals — and is your best first step toward a career with impact. A graduate business degree is an investment that pays off. Business and non-business majors perform well on the GMAT with the right preparation. For the GMAT that means practice versus studying.

- In contrast to conventional tests that assess how well you memorize and reproduce recently learned materials, the GMAT is a test of higher order reasoning skills that assesses your ability to think or “reason” with concepts you already know.
- Preparation for the GMAT is quite different from studying for a typical test.
- The GMAT exam requires practice, and practice requires a significantly greater time investment than study.
- The more time you devote to preparation and practice, the more comfortable you will be facing any question on test day.

- It’s important to complete all items on the GMAT exam. Practice will enable you to make quick, automatic responses, finish each section promptly, and score well on the test. When one is unaccustomed to GMAT style reasoning, response to test items is slow, which decreases the likelihood of completing the exam. Practice improves reasoning and analysis skills and speed of response, which will enable you to score well on the GMAT, and help you excel academically and in your career.



The GMAT Exam has four sections

Section Order	Time Limit (minutes)	Number of Questions	Question Types	Score Range
Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA)	30	1	■ Analysis of an Argument	0-6
Integrated Reasoning (IR)	30	12	■ Multi-Source Reasoning ■ Table Analysis ■ Graphics Interpretation ■ Two-Part Analysis	1-8
Optional 8-minute break				
Quantitative	75	37	■ Data Sufficiency ■ Problem Solving	0-60
Optional 8-minute break				
Verbal Reasoning	75	41	■ Reading Comprehension ■ Critical Reasoning ■ Sentence Correction	0-60



Success is Within Reach

Prepare your strategy

The GMAT assesses skills, not knowledge

Review basic math skills and focus on using logic and reasoning to answer practice questions during your preparations. You don't need advanced math skills to get a high score on the GMAT exam.

Completion trumps perfection

It's far more important to thoughtfully answer the questions and finish the GMAT exam than to spend too much time trying to get every single answer correct.

Understand the item types

Focus on how to best answer the question in front of you. Don't waste time trying to determine the question's difficulty level.

Balanced preparation

Focus equally on each section of the GMAT to enhance your overall test taking performance.

Preparation Checklist

Begin your test prep at mba.com

1. Understand the format of the GMAT exam (see table on reverse side).
2. Download and use the free GMATPrep® software to become familiar with the format used in the actual exam.
3. Review the types of questions on the GMAT exam by looking at sample questions for each section of the test.
4. To prepare for the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) section, practice writing an essay using the AWA topics available on mba.com, or purchase GMATWrite® software to practice your essay writing skills and grade your essay using the same GMAT technology.
5. Purchase a set of three GMAT® Paper Tests for extra practice.
6. Review and practice basic math skills.
7. If you want more sample questions, answers, and explanations to help you prepare, get the *Official Guide for GMAT® Review, 13th Edition*, the *Official Guide for GMAT® Verbal Review, 2nd Edition*, or the *Official Guide for GMAT® Quantitative Review, 2nd Edition* at mba.com/store.
8. Review and study one section of the test at a time.
9. Allow for at least four weeks of preparation/practice before you take the test.

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