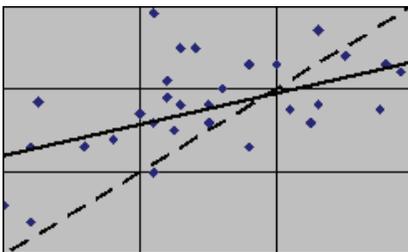


## INTEGRATED REASONING

### A NEW SECTION

In June 2012, the GMAT® exam will introduce a groundbreaking section designed to measure test takers' ability to evaluate information presented in new formats and from multiple sources. The Integrated Reasoning score will provide a new data point for schools to differentiate among candidates.

### NEW, INNOVATIVE QUESTION FORMATS



**Graphics Interpretation:** Graphs or graphical images must be interpreted to fill in the blanks of answer statements accurately.

Sort By	Airport City
	Select...
	Airport City
Amsterdam	Airport Country
Atlanta	Airport Code
Beijing	Passengers Number
Charlotte	USA

**Table Analysis:** A sortable table, similar to a spreadsheet, has to be analyzed to determine whether statements are accurate.

Organization A	Organization B	Rate of increase
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	10
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	30
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	40
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	120
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	130
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	150

**Two-Part Analysis** Solutions involve two components, and possible answers will be in a table format with a column for each component.

Email #1	Email #2	Email #3
<i>Email from administrator to research</i>		
<i>January 15, 10:46 a.m.</i>		
<i>Yesterday was the deadline for our receipt</i>		
<i>from doctors who were invited to participat</i>		

**Multi-Source Reasoning:** Different data from two or three tabbed pages must be used to answer the questions.

### SKILLS BEING MEASURED

The Integrated Reasoning section will test skills identified as important for incoming students by a survey of 740 business school faculty worldwide:

- Synthesizing information presented in graphics, text, and numbers
- Evaluating relevant information from different sources
- Organizing information to see relationships and to solve multiple, interrelated problems
- Combining and manipulating information to solve complex problems that depend on information from one or more sources

### KEY DATES

**June 2011:**

GMAC provides specifications for score report data files taking effect in June 2012.

**July-August 2011:**

Non-scored research section given to current GMAT test takers.

**January 2012:**

Non-scored research section given to current GMAT test takers.

**April 2012:**

The Integrated Reasoning score scale is published, and online training on using the scores is available.

Upgraded test prep materials are released.

**June 2012:**

Next Generation GMAT exam launches.

## TEST STRUCTURE AND SCORES

The total length of the exam will remain 3 hours, 30 minutes (approximately four hours with breaks).

- The GMAT Verbal, Quantitative, AWA, and Total scores will not change.
- The Analytical Writing Assessment will consist of one 30-minute essay (Analysis of an Argument) rather than two.
- The Integrated Reasoning section will have 12 questions.
- Test takers will receive a separate score for the Integrated Reasoning section. Like the AWA score, the Integrated Reasoning score will not count toward the Total Score.

Current GMAT exam	Next Generation GMAT Exam
<b>Analytical Writing Assessment</b>	<b>Analytical Writing Assessment</b>
Analysis of an Argument      30 minutes Analysis of an Issue          30 minutes	Analysis of an Argument      30 minutes
	<b>Integrated Reasoning          30 minutes</b>
<b>Quantitative</b> 75 minutes	<b>Quantitative</b> 75 minutes
<b>Verbal</b> 75 minutes	<b>Verbal</b> 75 minutes
<b>Total</b> 3 hours, 30 minutes	<b>Total</b> 3 hours, 30 minutes

### FAQS:

**Q: Why is the Integrated Reasoning section being added?**

**A:** Since 1953, the GMAT exam has been developed for business schools, by business schools, and it has evolved along with their needs. In a 2009 survey, 740 management faculty worldwide indicated that Integrated Reasoning skills are a prerequisite for 21st century management students.

**Q: When can test takers expect to get their scores?**

**A:** Unofficial score reports, with Verbal, Quantitative and Total scores, will continue to be given immediately after the test to those who accept their scores. Official Score Reports will be available 20 days after the test date. GMAC has published a 20-day score report turnaround for many years, but test takers and programs have become accustomed to a much faster reporting time. With the Integrated Reasoning launch, GMAC will publish Official Score Reports as quickly as possible, but it will take close to 20 days to ensure that all Integrated Reasoning scores are equivalent. Schools may want to encourage candidates to test well in advance of program deadlines.

**Q: How will the Next Generation GMAT exam be structured?**

**A:** A 30-minute Integrated Reasoning section, which will contain 12 questions, will be added. The Analytical Writing Assessment will be streamlined to one essay instead of two. With breaks, the exam should still last approximately four hours.

**Q: Why is the writing section being streamlined?**

**A:** Admissions directors have said, and recent research has shown, that most test takers get similar scores on both essays, making a single essay acceptable for predicting performance.

**Q: Will the Next Generation GMAT exam allow calculator use?**

**A:** An online calculator with basic functions will be available for Integrated Reasoning, but not for the Quantitative section. Test takers are not and will not be allowed to bring calculators into the testing room.

**Q: Is the new section computer adaptive?**

**A:** No, but some questions may have multiple parts. Test takers may not skip questions.

**Q: What do we need to do to our systems to make sure we can receive the new score?**

**A:** Go to [gmac.com/NextGenScores](http://gmac.com/NextGenScores) for the new CSV and TXT data file format sheets, which include a three-digit Integrated Reasoning score. Other changes are being made to enhance the data schools receive with scores. For technical support, email [gmatprogram@gmac.com](mailto:gmatprogram@gmac.com). The score scale will be published by April 2012.

For more information, go to [gmac.com/NextGen](http://gmac.com/NextGen)