

GRE Overview and Tips

What is the GRE?

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is a computerized standardized test that is an admissions requirement for most graduate schools in the U.S. The exam is created and administered by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The test contains the following sections:

- Analytical Writing: Analyze an issue; Analyze an argument (2 essays, 30 minutes each)
- (2) Quantitative Reasoning Sections: Quantitative Comparison, Problem Solving and Data Interpretation (20 questions each, 35 minutes each)
- (2) Verbal Reasoning Sections: Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, Reading Comprehension (20 questions each, 35 minutes each)
- Unscored quantitative or verbal questions (Timing varies)

Preparation:

Free Resources:

- Visit www.kaptest.com/GRE and sign up for a free online GRE boot camp event, free online or in person test preparation workshops, and free practice tests
- Visit www.gre.org, click on Prepare for the Test, and access the free resources and study tips
- Visit www.princetonreview.com and click on GRE and then free events and free practice tests

Books Available through Chatham's Library:

- How to prepare for the GRE, Graduate Record Examination / Sharon Weiner Green, Ira K. Wolf. Hauppauge, N.Y. : Barron's, c2005.
- Barron's how to prepare for the GRE, graduate record examination / Sharon Weiner Green, Ira K. Wolf. Hauppauge, N.Y. : Barron's Educational Series, c2000-
- GRE: graduate record examination 2008 / Sharon Weiner Green, Ira K. Wolf. Hauppauge, N.Y. : Barron's, c2007
- GRE exam vocabulary prep / the staff of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. New York: Kaplan Pub., c2008.

Class Options:

Kaplan: Offers Classes at the Pittsburgh Kaplan Office in Oakland and at Duquesne University (programs starting range from \$1,300-\$1,500) Fee-based supplemental courses, private tutoring, and online courses also available. Visit www.kaptest/GRE to register.

Princeton Review: Offers classes at Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University (programs starting range from \$1,000-\$1,300) Fee-based supplemental courses, private tutoring, small group courses, classroom courses, and study materials also available Visit www.princetonreview.com to register.

Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC): In-person and online classes (starting at \$105 and up) Visit <http://shopcommunityed.ccac.edu> to register.