

GMAT: "The ROADS Way"

At ROADS, your trainer will design a personalized curriculum based on your needs and wants - whatever schedule fits your busy demands (including weekends). After an initial diagnostic assessment of strengths and weaknesses, your trainer will work with you to design an individualized study plan that makes the most of the time frame that you specify and the score that you need.

Our goal is to set you on the ROAD to GMAT Success. Therefore, we ensure the overall development of aspirants - GMAT Coaching, Efficient Time Management, Mock Tests, Planning and Organizing of Applications.

The Roads Difference: Our team of experienced trainers, alumni and management have devised an innovative course structure that attempts to help you to achieve high GMAT scores by looking at the reasoning behind each question type (i.e. Why am I being asked this?). You will be taught to answer questions with a completely fresh approach which has proven to be very successful for our past candidates.

GMAT Test Preparation @ ROADS

- Intensive and focused classroom coaching is provided for 2-3 months. The class schedule is divided in modules. Each module will be focusing on a specific topic or related topics. Enough flexibility is provided in terms of course duration, class timetables, weekend classes so that YOU can fit the GMAT Test Preparation around your busy day-to-day life.
- Frequency of classes ranges from 2 to 4 classes per week.
- Thoroughly researched, updated and customised study material will be provided. The GMAT Study & Reference Material and the Official Guide (12th Edition) are included in the course fees. Additionally there is also scope for extra material to be provided that addresses your problem areas specifically. For instance your trainer will provide you with extra questions/conceptual clarity sheets for a particular topic on which you might have underperformed in your mocks/diagnostic test.
- Faculties are the best in industry. Furthermore our management team and strong alumni network constantly give us feedback so that we can continuously update our course structure/material and find ways to innovate in the classroom - as a result of this, we believe our candidates approach the GMAT test with a greater level of confidence and a renewed approach to answering challenging questions.
- Online practice material and simulated tests to give you a feel of the actual GMAT besides basic content drills and timed drills.
- The use of our in-house Library facilities and round the clock self study assistance is also included in the course. We encourage our trainers to build a very friendly rapport with you and provide you with all the assistance to conquer the GMAT.

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

The GMAT examination is the assessment for graduate business school candidates-it was designed by business schools to measure the skills shown to help graduate business students succeed in the challenging curriculum. It is a computer-adaptive exam that assesses the Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing skills that you have developed over time. Being computer-adaptive (rather than computer-based) allows the GMAT exam to determine a test taker's true ability by selecting questions based on previous answers. The GMAT score is generally accepted as a valid and reliable predictor of success in a graduate business school.

GMAT Exam Format and Length

The GMAT consists of two multiple-choice sections (Quantitative and Verbal) and an essay section called the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA).

Test Section	Quantitative	Verbal	Analytical Writing Assessment
Total Number of Questions	37	41	2
Types of Questions (we have to number these)	Problem Solving Data Sufficiency	Critical Reasoning Sentence Correction Reading Comprehension	Analysis of Issue Analysis of Argument
Time Allowed	75 minutes	75 minutes	60 minutes (30 minutes for each essay)
Score Range	0 - 51	0 - 51	0 - 6
Score Distribution	10% get over 48	1% get over 44	Roughly evenly split from 0-6

Approximate percentiles within the score range of 200-800. Percentiles may vary from year to year.

96th - 99th percentile	720 score
79th - 90th percentile	630 score
61th - 75th percentile	570 score
37th - 50th percentile	500 score

GMAT Test Takers

Individuals applying for admission to graduate management programs should take the GMAT exam. Because the market for graduate business education is so diverse, people from myriad regions and backgrounds, with varied work and educational experience, sit for the GMAT exam.

GMAT Appointments & Testing Centers

Generally, GMAT appointments are available six days a week, but testing centers set their own hours to meet local and regional needs. Secure, standardized testing centers deliver the test in 94 countries around the world. To find out more, please visit mba.com.

GMAT Cost

The cost of the GMAT exam is US\$250.00.

Few General GMAT Insights

- One can take the GMAT once per calendar month and not more than 5 times in one calendar year.
- The scores are valid for 5 years.
- One will see your Verbal, Quant and Total Score immediately.
- Official Report is received only after 2 weeks (with essay grades).
- If one scores a perfect 800, one can't retake the test for 5 years

Few General CAT Insights:

- The difficulty of questions automatically changes as the test taker proceeds with the exam, depending on the number of correct or incorrect answers that are given.
- Scores are based on number of questions answered correctly and difficulty level of those questions.
- The first question that is given in a multiple-choice section is considered to be an "average level" question that half of the GRE test takers will answer correctly. If the question is answered correctly, then subsequent questions become more difficult. If the question is answered incorrectly, then subsequent questions become easier, until a question is answered correctly.
- You cannot skip a question; you can't return to previous questions; you can't change an answer.
- You must finish the sections; there is strong penalty for leaving the test incomplete.
- First few questions are much more important than the last few.
- Bad performance in one section does not affect the other section.
- There are 20 experimental questions in the test.

ROADS GMAT Course Structure

Verbal Course Structure

Session	Content Covered	Time	Material Given
1. Sentence Correction 1	GMAT introduction SC major errors basic intro	2 hrs	OG 12th Edition, Verbal manual, Math manual
2. Sentence Correction 2	SC strategies Major errors practice from manual Practice from OG	2 hrs	Send 1000 SC file
3. Sentence Correction 3	Minor errors intro Minor error practice from manual SC Review from OG	2 hrs	
4. Critical Reasoning 1	CR Introduction/ Question Types Practice from Manual	2hrs	worksheet CR 1 (Assumption and weaken)
5. Critical Reasoning 2	Worksheet CR 2 Practice from OG	2hrs	Worksheet CR 2
6. Sentence Correction Revisited	Timed drills on Sentence Correction	2hrs	SC Worksheet
7. AWA 1	Argument essay	2hrs	
8. AWA 2	Issue Essay	2hrs	
9. Reading Comprehension 1	RC Intro RC Worksheet	2hrs	
10. Reading Comprehension 2	Harder RC Practice from Official Guide	2hrs	
11. Critical Reasoning Revisited	Timed drills on Critical reasoning	2hrs	Worksheet
12. Verbal Wrap-up	Harder SC, harder CR & harder RC	2hrs	Worksheet

Quantitative Course Structure

Class No.	Subject	Topic Covered	Details of topics covered
1	Arithmetic	Introduction Diagnostic Test Feedback Number systems	GMAT Introduction, POE and ball-parking tips. Real Numbers, Rational/Irrational Numbers, Integers, Even/Odd, Prime Numbers, Multiplication Rules, Decimal, Data sufficiency basics.
2		Number Systems (Continued...)	LCM, GCD, factors, Multiple, Fractions (Equivalent/Reciprocal fractions), Advanced Data sufficiency.
3		Number Systems (Continued...)	Exponents (Base, Roots, Powers) Rules, Ratio, Proportions (Direct, Indirect)
4		Number Systems (Continued...)	Percent, Percent Change, Simple and Compound Interest, Average, Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion (Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation)
5		Number Systems (Continued...)	Average and Relative Speed, Work, Age, Mixture
6	Algebra	Solving Linear Equations with one and two variable, Solving Quadratic Equations, Simultaneous Equations, Ordered Pairs, Integral Solutions,	Test Arithmetic + Analysis (I-to-I)
7		Inequalities, Functions, Worded Problems	
8	Geometry	Lines, Parallel Lines, Intersecting Lines, Angles, Polygon, Triangle (Equilateral, Isosceles, scalene, right triangle, Pythagoras theorem, area, perimeter, similar triangles Quadrilateral, rectangle, parallelogram, square, trapezoid, circle (area, circumference, arc, sector)	Test (Algebra) + Analysis (I-to-I)
9		Overlapping regions, shaded regions, inscribed and circumscribed figures, 3D figures	
10	Probability	Discrete probability, independent and mutually exclusive events	Test (Geometry) + Analysis (I-to-I)
11	Counting	Principles of counting, permutation, combination, grouped and circular arrangement	
12		Test	Test (overall) + Analysis (I-to-I)

- All classes will cover both Problem Solving and Data Sufficiency Questions
- Students take a Diagnostic Test before coming to the first class. Feedback for the same will be given in the first class.
- The final assessment full length mock should be taken by the student 1 week after completion of the course and feedback will be done in person/through E-mail.

FAQ's

What does ROADS say about current trends in MBA admissions?

Acceptance rates for business schools are steadily declining as more people are applying. In 2008 alone, GMAT test-taker volume was up by 10%. Furthermore, the number of test-takers under 24 has risen almost 50% in the last three years.

Should MBA applicants be using a social admissions strategy now that the economy has changed and the competition is heating up?

It is essential to put emphasis on both your GMAT test and work really hard on your application essays. Your applications should show that you are prepared for business school and are ready to contribute to environment there. Make sure they understand exactly who YOU are.

If applicants get a low GMAT score the first time around, should they retake the test?

Students must make a concerted effort to prepare for the GMAT the second time if they feel that their scores aren't reflective of their actual capabilities. However at the outset your aim should really be to ace your GMAT first time around.

An increasing number of MBA programs are allowing applicants to submit GRE scores instead of GMAT scores. If applicants are given the option, which test should they choose? Is one test easier than the other? Less expensive? More respected?

Take the GMAT. The math is harder and thus more respected by admissions staff. Doing great at GRE math doesn't prove you're great at math, but doing badly proves you aren't.

Some of the people who have been downsized recently want to go back to school but worry about how they will address their lack of a job with admissions committees. Do you have any advice for the downsized professional?

Focus on positives. The economic environment is what it is right now, so just focus on accomplishments at past jobs, volunteer work, professional organizations and certifications, etc. Just build a profile they can believe in.

What is a Computer-Adaptive Test?

A computer-adaptive test (CAT) is exactly what it sounds like: the computer adapts to your level of intelligence. It starts with a question of medium difficulty. If you answer it right, the next question gets a bit more challenging. If you get that one right, the next question gets harder still. The opposite is true as well. This system continues until you get to the end of the section and your ability level on that subject is determined.

How do I know if I am ready for the GMAT?

Try our diagnostic test. When you finish the practice test you'll get complete feedback from one of our trainers detailing your strengths and weaknesses.

Where can I get more GMAT information?

You can contact us here at ROADS and one of our counselors or trainers will be happy to assist you with any of your GMAT queries.

Once I have taken the test, how do I get help with the admissions process from ROADS?

Business school admissions process can be intimidating and time-consuming. Our ADMISSION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM can help. An experienced ROADS admissions consultant will personally guide you through the entire process, helping you to identify the business schools that are right for you, craft and edit your essays, update your resume, prepare you for interviews, and help you market yourself as a top candidate.

The Next Generation GMAT

Starting 4th June 2012, the GMAT exam will gain a groundbreaking section designed to measure test takers' ability to evaluate information from multiple sources. The Integrated Reasoning section will provide business schools with a window into how prospective students respond to the kinds of complex challenges they will encounter as business school students and as managers in today's information-rich business environment.

The 30-minute section will ask test takers to analyze information, draw conclusions, and discern relationships between data points. The new skills being measured were identified in a survey of 740 business school faculty worldwide.

The overall length of the GMAT exam (about three and a half hours) will not change. As the Integrated Reasoning section is added, the Analytical Writing Assessment will be streamlined to include only one 30-minute essay instead of two.

The GMAT Verbal, Quantitative, and Total scores will not change. Test takers will receive a separate score for the Analytical Writing Assessment, as they do now, and for the Integrated Reasoning section.