

Preparatory Courses at the University of Utah GRE (Graduate Record Exam)

This course is designed to help you do your best on the GRE, and get one step closer to graduate school. This course will assist you to do your best on the computer version of the General Test of the GRE. With its structured approach and comprehensive content, this course is designed to build confidence and sharpen test-taking skills. By examining each area of the GRE in depth, you will know what to expect and be able to set goals for improving your performance level. Students will be given two in-class practice tests and will also receive practice for the GRE Writing Assessment. They will also have access to computers with GRE software, enabling them to become familiar with the computer-based exam.

Although no preparation course can guarantee a high score or compensate for major gaps in knowledge, this course will help you develop the psychological readiness to perform at your peak.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for graduate school admission exams is independent of any preparatory course.

Materials List & Expenses

The official GRE: Practicing to take the General Test
GRE Supplemental Materials
GRE Final Practice Test

All materials are supplied to student on the first day of class.

GRE Preparatory Course Syllabus

Note: Since this course is offered during two (2) evenings per week or one (1) Saturday per week the actual course schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Topic 1

Overview of GRE
Registration/Purpose/Organization
Goal setting, charting progress, and pre-course information
Diagnostic Test
Verbal/Quantitative/Analytical
Scoring and explanation of selected problems
Instructions for developing individual study strategies for the verbal, quantitative and analytical sections

Topic 2

Math Review Explanation of selected problems covering:
I. Arithmetic
II. Algebra
III. Geometry

Topics 3 & 4

Quantitative Ability Section
Types of problems:
I. Quantitative comparisons
II. Discrete quantitative problems
III. Data interpretation
Strategies for answering questions
Practice problems and explanations

Topics 5 & 6

Verbal Ability Section
Types of problems:
I. Analogies
II. Antonyms
III. Sentence completion
IV. Reading comprehension
Strategies for answering questions
Practice problems and explanations

Topic 7

Writing Assessment
I. Analyze an argument
II. Present your perspective on an issue
Session will cover
- Description of the two writing tasks
- Scoring Criteria
- Helpful Strategies for writing the essays Key
- In class practice and scoring of an essay

Topic 8

More practice problems and explanations on all three test areas
Explanation of selected problems on practice test
How to deal with anxiety
General test taking strategies
Strategies for preparing for the GRE during the final week
Class evaluations