Preparatory Courses at the University of Utah
GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

This course is designed to help you do your best on the GMAT, now given via computer, and improve your chances of gaining admission to graduate schools of business. Each of the six question types on the exam is explained. Practice questions help you know what to expect. Plus, strategies are suggested to improve your performance. Practice is also provided for the analytical writing assessment. Students will also have access to computers with GMAT software, enabling them to become familiar with the computer-based exam. In addition, techniques for increasing test-wiseness and reducing test anxiety are discussed.

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 Guide for GMAT Review
GMAT Supplemental Materials
GMAT Final Practice Test

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

GMAT 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 GMAT
Registration/Purpose/Organization
Goal setting, charting progress, and pre-course information
Instructions for developing individual study strategies for improving
  I. Math Skills
  II. Grammar and usage
  III. Reading comprehension
  IV. Critical Thinking

Topic 2
Diagnostic Test – Condensed 1 ½ hour exam covering all 5 question types
Scoring and explanation of selected problems

Topic 3
Math Review Explanation of selected problems covering:
  I. Arithmetic
  II. Algebra
  III. Geometry
  IV. Word Problems

Topic 4
Quantitative Sections
  I. Problem Solving
  II. Data Sufficiency
Strategies for answering questions
Practice problems and explanations

Topic 5
Analytical Writing Assessment
Explanation of writing tasks
Practice in writing essays

Topic 6
Verbal Sections
  I. Reading Comprehension
  Strategies for answering questions
  Practice problems and explanations
  Instructions for taking practice test and charting progress

Topic 7
Verbal Sections (cont’d.)
  II. Sentence Correction
  III. Critical Reasoning
  Strategies for answering questions
  Practice problems and explanations

Topic 8
Final Review
More practice on all five question types
How to deal with test anxiety
Strategies for preparing for the GMAT during the final week