

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 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 Used: *The Official Guide for GMAT Review, 13th Edition*
Course-specific supplementary materials

GMAT Preparatory Course Syllabus

Each class period study both the quantitative and verbal portions of the exam. Because this course is offered during two evenings per week or one Saturday per week, the weekly course scheduled will be adjusted accordingly. At-home study material will be assigned between classes.

Discussion Topics:

Overview of the Exam

Introduction to the exam, including a half-length in-class diagnostic test. We will discuss how graduate schools use the GMAT, registration for the exam, purpose, organization, and scoring of the exam. We will also help students develop an individualized study plan, setting reasonable goals and expectations and considering personal study strategies.

Quantitative

- I. Review of basic math concepts using selected problems in a course-specific supplement
 - a. Arithmetic
 - b. Algebra
 - c. Geometry
 - d. Word Problems
- II. Specific Question Types: using selected material in the textbook, we will examine each question type, evaluate strategies and tips for answering, and practice using real GMAT questions.
 - a. Data Sufficiency
 - b. Problem Solving

Verbal

- I. Specific Question Types
Using selected material in the textbook, we will examine each question type, evaluate strategies and tips for answering, and practice using real GMAT questions. We will also consider the question formats (one multiple-choice, several multiple-choice, and select-a-sentence).

- a. Reading Comprehension
- b. Critical Reasoning
- c. Sentence Correction

Integrated Reasoning

- I. Multi Source Reasoning
- II. Graphics Interpretation
- III. Two-Part Analysis
- IV. Table Analysis

Analytical Writing

- I. Discussion will focus on the purpose of the essay, description of the tasks, how to organize your essay, and GMAT scoring criteria and method.
 - a. Analysis of an Argument

Conclusion

There will be a full-length final practice test, which we will review. We will discuss final study strategies, dealing with anxiety, and have a course evaluation.