

GRE® Overview

1. GRE® general test measures:

- Verbal reasoning
- Quantitative reasoning
- Critical thinking
- Analytical writing skills

The scores provide common measures for comparing the qualifications of applicants and aid in evaluating grades and recommendations.

2. Taking the GRE®:

- The nearest center to GC is in Mishawaka at the Prometric Test Center - (574) 254-0406 or www.prometric.com.
- The general test is offered year-round at computer-based test centers in the U.S. and costs \$175
- During the test, you can edit or change answers, skip and return to questions and use an on-screen calculator for the quantitative section. The GRE test is adaptive, correct answers generate harder questions, thus resulting in a higher test score.
- You have an array of choices about which test results are sent to which schools; on test day, you may designate four programs to receive scores; additional score reports will incur extra fees.

3. GRE® subject tests:

Subject tests are intended for students who have majored in or have extensive background in the areas below:

- Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Literature in English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

4. Scoring:

- 130 – 170 scale (1 point increments, learn more at www.ets.org/gre/revisted_general/scores)
- Unofficial scores of the verbal and quantitative reasoning can be viewed at the test center, but not the analytical writing section, since it is an essay
- You will receive official test results within two weeks; schools will receive your scores within four to six

5. Studying:

- ETS makes free Powerprep II test study and simulation software available for download; they also offer other free review materials
- For more information, go to www.ets.org/gre and consult test preparation guides
- You can also buy third-party review guides and software from other vendors