

GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ROADMAP

1 Research

6+ months before applying

- Determine what you want to study and for how long you want to go to graduate school
- Understand the differences between master's, professional and doctoral programs
- Get a sense of your career options and earning potential with a specific graduate degree
- Register for FAFSA and start looking into scholarship and grant applications
- Start to create a long list of disciplines and programs that interest you; use program websites to help you get started, request brochures and attend live or virtual open house events for programs that interest you
- Look into the credentials of those admitted to determine if you are a competitive candidate
- Think about geographic preferences
- More considerations: curriculum, competitiveness, cost, reputation, public vs private school, research/internship opportunities
- Talk to friends and family for their perspective; speak with current students or alumni of programs you are interested in wherever possible
- Hone your list of schools/programs
- Start thinking about when you will study for and take the GRE®

From Kaplan Test Prep:

- Grad Degree Series recordings
- Test Info Center for the GRE
- Financial Aid Hub
- Our blog, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube offerings

2 Prepare for the GRE

3-6 months before applying

- Decide when you want to take the test _____ (Date)
- Allow yourself 3 months prior to your test date to prepare
- Take a free, realistic, full-length practice test with Kaplan
- Enroll in a Kaplan course for a higher GRE score, guaranteed*

From Kaplan Test Prep:

- Sign up for a free practice GRE
- Kaplan 20-Minute Workout
- Live and recorded GRE
- Question A Day for the GRE strategy sessions

3 The Application Process—Part I

At least 3 months before applications are due

- Create a schedule of deadlines, including application deadlines, financial aid deadlines and test registration dates
- Think about appropriate people to write recommendations and contact each with the deadline for submitting references
- Begin crafting your personal statement
- Complete and submit your online applications
- Follow the application directions explicitly, and have someone familiar with you (and the application process) review your application before submitting
- Wait for graduate and business schools to contact you about interviews

From Kaplan Test Prep:

- The Dos and Don'ts of Graduate School Admissions (Video)
- Personal Statement events
- Our KaplanGradPrep blog
- Ask us your questions via Facebook or Twitter

4 The Application Process—Part II

After your application(s) have been submitted

- Prepare for your interviews
- Wait for acceptance letters
- Investigate all needs-based financial aid options to supplement merit-based aid
- If you are waitlisted, be patient; let the program(s) know that you are still interested in admission and continue to engage in activities that enhance your application

From Kaplan Test Prep:

- Financial Aid Hub
- Ask us your questions via Facebook or Twitter
- Financing Your Graduate School Education (Video)

REFERENCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

When Can I Take the GRE?

The GRE General Test is offered almost every day of the year. See www.gre.org to get test dates for the subject tests.

How Do I Register for the GRE?

Call 1-800-GRE-CALL or register online at: gre.org

Test Registration: \$175

Rescheduling fee: \$50

How Is the GRE Scored?

For a the complete scoring table for the GRE, visit:

ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores

Quantitative and Verbal: 130-170 each (1-point increments)

Score scale: 130-170 each (1-point increments)

AWA score scale: 0–6

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GRE Information

The GRE was completely revised in August 2011. The new GRE takes about 4 hours to complete and includes challenging Quantitative and Verbal Reasoning content and question types.

Section	Questions	Time	Question Types
Analytical Writing	2 essays	30 mins each	Analysis of an Issue, Analysis of an Argument
Quantitative Sections (2)	about 20 per section	35 mins per section	Quantitative Comparison, Problem Solving, Data Interpretation
Verbal Sections (2)	about 20 per section	35 mins per section	Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, Reading Comprehension

Local Kaplan Representative:

Graduate Advisor(s) information:

Kaplan Test Prep

Kaplan offers many ways to prepare for the GRE:

- On Site
- On Demand
- Classroom Anywhere™
- One-On-One

Kaplan's programs for the GRE include:

- Over 180 hours of instruction and practice
- Over 5,000 practice items and 7 full-length computer-based Kaplan Practice Tests
- Adaptive Learning Technology—Smart Reports™
- Three months of access
- A higher score guaranteed or your money back

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