Standardized Tests for Graduate School Applications

The two standardized tests for graduate school applications are:

**GRE General Test** (master's and doctorates)
- Three sections: quantitative reasoning, Verbal reasoning, analytical writing
- Similar to the SAT

**GMAT** (business and management programs only; the GRE may also be an option)
- Four sections: quantitative reasoning, verbal reasoning, integrated reasoning, analytical writing

For a comparison of the GRE and the GMAT:
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**Important Facts**
- Not all programs require standardized tests. Do not take any test until you know what the programs you are applying to wants.
- Some programs make standardized tests optional. Not taking an optional test does not harm your application.
- Some programs have "optional but strongly recommended." We encourage you to take the test if you see this language.
- If a test is not required, and you take it any, the program will not look at your scores or consider your scores in your application review process.
- The GRE and the GMAT can be taken in other countries.
- Unlike the SAT, the GRE and GMAT are offered through testing centers and online and therefore available 7 days a week.
- You can apply for testing accommodations and financial assistance for the GRE and the GMAT but must do this ahead of time and before registering. Details can be found on the respective websites.
- You can apply for a fee reduction or waiver for the GRE directly when you create a registration account. You cannot apply for the same assistance for the GMAT. Only fee waivers awarded to schools for the GMAT can be provided.