

# 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

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- 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](http://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](http://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](http://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
<b>Analytical Writing</b>	2 essays	30 mins each	Analysis of an Issue, Analysis of an Argument
<b>Quantitative Sections (2)</b>	about 20 per section	35 mins per section	Quantitative Comparison, Problem Solving, Data Interpretation
<b>Verbal Sections (2)</b>	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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