



## The GMAT

The Graduate Management Admission Test<sup>®</sup> (GMAT<sup>®</sup>) is not required for all EMBA applicants, but it is required for individuals with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 or individuals with less than eight years of professional work experience in a decision-making position. Applicants who already hold a masters degree or higher do not need to submit a GMAT score.

A GMAT score in the upper 500s to lower 600s is typical for Executive MBA participants; EMBA applicants need to receive a minimum score of 500.

## GMAT Information

### About the GMAT

The GMAT consists of three main parts, the analytical writing assessment, the quantitative section, and the verbal section.

### Analytical Writing Assessment

You begin the GMAT with the analytical writing assessment (AWA). The AWA consists of two separate writing tasks—analysis of an issue and analysis of an argument. You are allowed 30 minutes to complete each one.

### Quantitative Section

Following an optional five-minute break, you begin the quantitative section of the GMAT. This section contains 37 multiple-choice questions of two question types—data sufficiency and problem solving. You will be allowed a maximum of 75 minutes to complete the entire section. A majority of these questions consist of high-school level math questions.

### Verbal Section

After a second optional five-minute break, you begin the verbal section of the GMAT. This section contains 41 multiple-choice questions of three question types—reading comprehension, critical reasoning, and sentence correction. You are allowed a maximum of 75 minutes to complete the entire section.

### Computer Adaptive Format Scoring

For each multiple-choice section of the GMAT, there is a large pool of potential questions ranging from a low to high level of difficulty. Each section of the test starts with a question of medium difficulty. If you answer the first question correctly, the computer will give you a harder question next. If you answer the first question incorrectly, your next question will be easier. This process will continue until you complete the section, at which point the computer will have an accurate assessment of your ability level in that subject area. Test preparation materials offer a valuable insight on how to maximize your scores.

### Registration

Applicants are encouraged to register for the GMAT about one month prior to taking the exam. Seats, especially those for evening and weekends, fill up quickly and all options may not be available the closer you get to test day. To register at the test center closest to you, contact the Graduate Management Admissions Council at 1-800-GMAT-NOW or visit them on the Web at [www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT](http://www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT).

### Test Day

Before beginning the test, you will need to select to which schools you would like to send your scores. Applicants should have their GMAT scores sent directly to the **University of Colorado Executive MBA program** by using code **11S-Z2-29** on the GMAT application form. Please take this number with you on test day and use it to send your scores to us. Upon completion of the GMAT, you will receive a print out of your unofficial scores. Generally, these scores are correct 99% of the time and rarely change.

# GMAT Preparation

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the GMAT using additional methods that offer a more in-depth and comprehensive approach than the general materials offered through the Graduate Management Admissions Council.

Upon registering for the GMAT exam, registrants receive general study material that includes sample test questions, test taking strategies and GMAT tutorial software. Though the study materials do offer some insight to the test, the CU EMBA recommends that applicants explore alternative methods for preparation as well. Applicants should use the method of preparation that best suits them and offers them the opportunity to achieve optimal results.

The University of Colorado Executive MBA provides the following information on GMAT preparatory methods as a resource for its applicants and is not affiliated with any company. For more information on the specific program, please contact the agency at the number provided.

## Prep-Software and Books

For some applicants, GMAT preparation software or books offer a more convenient means of preparing for the examination. We suggest that an applicant select software or a book that outlines each individual portion of the exam and offers not only sample questions, but also the best methods for answering these questions in a quick and effective manner. GMAT prep-software and books are available on-line, at major bookstores, and at any of the CU bookstores.

## Courses

Several courses are offered to prepare for the GMAT. Below is a list of some local and online offerings. (Please note, the prices listed below are subject to change.)

### Gorilla Test Prep

720-434-3616 [www.gorillatestprep.com/gmat.html](http://www.gorillatestprep.com/gmat.html)

Classroom: \$595 (7 sessions); Online: \$495 (Self-paced)

Private Tutoring: \$995 (17 hours)

### Kaplan

1-800-KAPTEST [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)

Classroom: \$1,249 (9 sessions, 4 simulated exams); Online: \$499 (Self-paced)

Private Tutoring: \$1,999 (15 hours)

### Power Score

1-800-545-1750 [www.powerscore.com/gmat/index.htm](http://www.powerscore.com/gmat/index.htm)

Classroom: \$395 (16 hour weekend course)

Private Tutoring: \$100/hour + \$100 materials (Live or Phone)

### The Princeton Review

1-800-2-REVIEW [www.princetonreview.com/mba](http://www.princetonreview.com/mba)

Classroom: \$1,249 (8 sessions); Online: \$499 (Self-paced, other online options available)

Private Tutoring: Call 1-866-TPR-PREP for information

