



UCD Michael Smurfit
Graduate Business School

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)



Quality GMATters:

Have you got what it takes for UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School?

UCD Smurfit School recruits the best. The GMAT gives you an ideal opportunity to show us your quality. Almost 1,300 graduate management programmes worldwide, and about 850 schools, require GMAT scores from programme applicants. GMAT measures verbal, mathematical and analytical writing skills. It is designed to help graduate schools assess the qualifications of applicants for advanced study in business and management. It is not based on prior knowledge of business or other areas.

- Average GMAT score for students entering the Full-Time MBA in 2008 was 640.
- Average GMAT score for students of the Executive MBA in 2008 was 600.
- The minimum score for entry onto our Full-Time MBA is 550. The minimum score for entry onto our Executive MBA is 500

Full Time MBA GMAT Scholarship

A limited number of scholarships for the Full-Time MBA Programme are offered to students who achieve 700 points or more in the GMAT. The scholarship is worth up to 50% of the MBA Programme tuition fees. The value of the scholarship will be based on the GMAT score, the quality of the application and other needs. If you qualify, please apply for the scholarship by completing the scholarship essay in our application form www.smurfitschool.ie/tools/applynow/

Timing GMATters, Book Now!

Testing centres can become booked up months in advance of application deadlines. So it's advisable to book a GMAT date as early as possible. Six to eight weeks of preparation is recommended prior to taking the GMAT.

Note: For applicants based in Ireland, there have been particular difficulties in booking GMAT tests at the Dublin centre.



Practice GMATters: Prepare to Succeed.

Preparation is key to achieving a strong score on the GMAT. The GMAT is not a particularly difficult test. However, if you don't prepare you WILL score under 400 points. Candidates need to refresh their memory on key language and maths concepts and then practice, practice, practice!

Test Tools:

- www.mba.com provides comprehensive GMAT information and test booking to prospective MBA candidates
- POWERPREP Software, a simulation of test questions, can be downloaded from www.mba.com
- www.800score.com has GMAT preparation tools and sample questions
- Kaplan conducts GMAT preparation courses. Visit www.kaplan.com for your local centre. The Irish market is served by the UK branch, contact london.center@kaplan.com
- Purchase a GMAT preparation book. A wide range of GMAT books are available in major bookstores or purchase online at www.amazon.com

Test Tips:

- **Start Early** - Our top GMAT scorers spend between 30 - 60 hours preparing for the GMAT over a number of weeks
- **Practice Tests** - Try a practice test first to gauge your level and weaknesses and then review test material
- **Timing** - Like driving a car, the GMAT timing comes with plenty of practice

Student Tips:

"Practice papers - higher score!"

"Ensure enough practice time, work on speed"

"Do timed tests to get a feel for pace"

GMATters of Fact:

Everything you need to know to excel at the GMAT

What is a computer adaptive test?

GMAT is a computer adaptive test (CAT) that measures verbal, mathematical and analytical writing skills. The screen displays a question chosen from a large pool, categorised by difficulty. The first question is always of medium standard. The test gets harder or easier in response to your performance.

How long is the GMAT score valid?

Five years.

How long is the test?

The test takes four hours.

How many times can you take the GMAT?

As many times as you choose. However, you can only take one GMAT per calendar month and only five in one year

I have a Masters Degree already; do I need a GMAT to apply to your Programme?

Yes. GMAT is a pre-requisite for admission to all of our MBA Programmes. It's a quantitative measure allowing us to assess and compare candidates from a variety of educational and national backgrounds.

How much does the GMAT cost?

GMAT registration fee is \$250 (USD) worldwide.

If I take the GMAT more than once, which score will you use?

The highest GMAT score will apply.

How do I report my score to UCD Smurfit School of Business?

When you take the test, you'll be asked to nominate a university to receive your score. The code for UCD Smurfit School of Business Full-time MBA is XHN-NF-61 and for Executive MBA the code is XHN-NF-50.

FAST FACTS

Booking the GMAT

Online: www.mba.com

Telephone: GMAT Regional

Registration Centres - www.mba.com contains a list of RRCs and their contact details.

European RRC Tel: +44 161 855 7219

GMAT Textbooks

'Cracking the GMAT with DVD, 2009'
- The Princeton Review

'Kaplan GMAT, 2009' -
Premier Program

'Kaplan GMAT 800, 2008-2009' -
(Useful for those aiming for high scores)

Useful Websites

www.mba.com

www.800score.com

www.kaplan.com

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