

Information about the MAT and GRE

Test Scores Required for Graduate Admission

A score of 1000 on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or a raw score of 50 on the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) is required for admission to UAB's Graduate School. (NOTE: As of October 2004, MAT reports a 3-digit scaled score instead of a 2-digit raw score.) Students can submit scores from tests taken up to five years prior to completing the degree-seeking application process. Probationary admission is granted for a score of 850 on the GRE (with at least 420 on each of the two components) or a raw score of 35 (388 scaled score) on the MAT. Probationary admission automatically converts to regular admission once students have obtained at least a "B" in their first 12 graduate credit hours after being admitted (usually four courses). *The required scores on the old GRE (prior to October 2002) are 1500 for admission and 1250 for probationary admission.*

Deadline for Test Scores to be received at UAB

Acceptable test scores must arrive at the UAB Graduate School by the following deadlines:

April 1 st for admission to the summer term,

July 1 st for admission to the fall term, and

November 1 st for admission to the spring term.

Students should plan to take the MAT or GRE at least one month prior to the targeted admission deadline in order to allow ample time for their official scores to arrive at the admissions office. Students must also adhere to these same deadlines for submitting the other documents required for completing the degree-seeking application process: degree-seeking application, \$35, 3 letters of recommendation, and 2 official sets of transcripts.

Miller Analogy Test (MAT)

Choice of Location

Students may take the MAT wherever it is most convenient for them. The closest locations are UAB, the University of Montevallo, Samford, and Birmingham Southern. Regardless where students take the exam, they must have their scores sent to the UAB Graduate School.

The UAB Testing Center

UAB administers the MAT at least once a week in Suite 470 of the Hill University Center (HUC), usually at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Occasionally the exam is also administered on a Saturday. The HUC is located at the corner of University Boulevard and 14th Street South.

Test takers should register and reserve their preferred testing time by calling (205) 934-3704 or 934-5503, faxing (205) 975-1986, or emailing testing@uab.edu. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$100 must be paid prior to the examination date. Students may choose to take either the electronic version (with immediate test score) or else the paper-and-pencil version. For more information, call or go to the UAB website: <http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=10510>

Testing at the University of Montevallo

The University of Montevallo administers the MAT about four times each semester (e.g., January 14th, February 4th, March 4 th, April 15th for Spring 2006). The MAT always takes place on Saturday mornings in Wills Hall 100. Since the test begins sharply at 8:30 am, test

takers must arrive by 8:00 am. Montevallo charges \$65 for the MAT. Registration is done by mailing a \$10 deposit to: Kathie Hope, University of Montevallo, Station 6350, Montevallo AL 35115. This deposit is due any time before the test date. The check should be accompanied by the test taker's name, address, a daytime telephone number, and an indication as to whether the test has been taken within the past 12 months. The balance of the testing fee (\$55) is due the day of the test. Both payments must be made by check made out to the University of Montevallo. Only the paper-and-pencil version is available at this testing site. For more information or to register for the test, call Kathie Hope at (205) 665-6380 or email at hopeky@montevallo.edu.

Information about the Exam

The MAT takes about one hour, not counting instructions. For information about the exam itself, go to the MAT website <http://harcourtassessment.com/haiweb/Cultures/en-US/Harcourt/Community/PostSecondary/Products/MAT/mathome.htm>.

Retesting Policy

You may take the MAT a maximum of three times in a five-year period. If you have had the test previously within the last year, you must bring your admission ticket the day of the test. The admission ticket is attached to your last test score sheet. You will not be allowed to take the MAT a second or third time without presenting this admission ticket at the testing site.

Preparation

To prepare for the MAT, you should purchase at least one preparation book. Several versions are available at the UAB bookstore, at Snoozy's, and at major bookstores in any large mall. They range in price from about \$14.95 to \$19.95. You may wish to study in groups and then each person in the group can purchase a different version. This way you will maximize the amount of study material available to your group.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

The GRE is a computer-based exam issued by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). This exam is administered by Thompson's Prometric, which has test centers in Birmingham, Decatur, Dothan, Mobile, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa. The test center for the Birmingham area is located at 2700 Rogers Drive – Suite 100, Homewood, AL 35209; TEL 205-871-7444. For a list of Alabama test centers, go to <http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/cbtdmlst.cfm>.

The GRE costs \$115. It usually takes at least three hours, not counting instructions. You may take the GRE up to 5 times a year, but no more than once a month. For more information, call Prometric at 1-800-473-2255 or else go to these websites: www.prometric.com, www.ets.org, www.gre.org/ttindex.html.

You must register on line to take the GRE. The exam is administered from Monday through Friday (8:00-5:00) and also Saturday (9:00-1:00). Students should plan ahead since dates are often booked several months in advance. Approximately four weeks after you register, ETS will send you test preparation software. You should also purchase at least one preparation book. Several versions are available at the UAB bookstore, at Snoozy's, and at major bookstores in any large mall. Make sure you purchase one with a CD Rom in order to practice doing the computerized version of this exam.