

## Test FAQ: The GRE Subject Test



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**Q: What are the GRE Subject Tests?**

A: The GRE is the Graduate Record Exam. There are 8 paper-based subject tests in the areas of Biochemistry/Cellular/Molecular Biology, Chemistry, General Biology, Computer Science, Literature in English, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology.

**Q: Who requires the GREs?**

A: Check with your individual program to see if they require a Subject Test.

**Q: When can I take these tests?**

A: The Subject Tests are given at paper-based test centers worldwide three times a year in October, November and April.

**Q: Where can I take these tests?**

A: Vassar is a test location for all 3 administrations. Check online for the most up-to-date listing of testing centers.

<https://www.ets.org>

**Q: How do I register to take a test?**

A: You can register for a GRE Subject Test online or by mail.

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**Q: How much are examination fees?**

A: subject tests are \$150 when taken in the United States and any of its territories.

**Q: How long will I be at the testing center?**

A: Plan to be at the test center up to three and a half hours. Report to the test center 30 minutes before the test begins. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted, and your test fee will be forfeited.

**Q: What do I need to take to the test center?**

A: Take your admission ticket, your valid photo ID, three or four sharpened soft-lead (No. 2 or HB) pencils, and a good eraser. Mechanical pencils and pens are not permitted.

**Q: How can I prepare for a Subject Test?**

A: When you register for a Subject Test, you will be sent a free Subject Test Practice Book. Each book includes one actual Subject Test and answer key, test-taking strategies, and information to help you understand the scoring. You can also download each tests' practice book.

**Q: I'm not going directly to graduate school. How long are my scores valid for?**

A: Test scores can be sent for up to five years following your test year.

**Q: Where can I get more information?**

A: You can pick up a GRE Bulletin from the Career Development Office (quantities are limited), or visit the GRE website at <https://www.ets.org>.