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# Medical, Graduate and Law School Admissions Workshop



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# What to expect tonight?

- Admissions Overview
- Test Preparation
- Introduction to the GRE, LSAT, MCAT, and Praxis
- Q & A



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# Graduate, Medical, and Law School Admissions Factors

- GRE, MCAT, LSAT Scores
- Undergraduate GPA

Strength of scores and GPA

- Personal Statement/Application Essays
- Letters of Recommendation & Evaluation
- Work Experience and Extracurriculars
- Interviews

Application

Presumably Admit

Strength of

Presumably Deny

Absolutely Deny

Hint!

You Control  
the Process

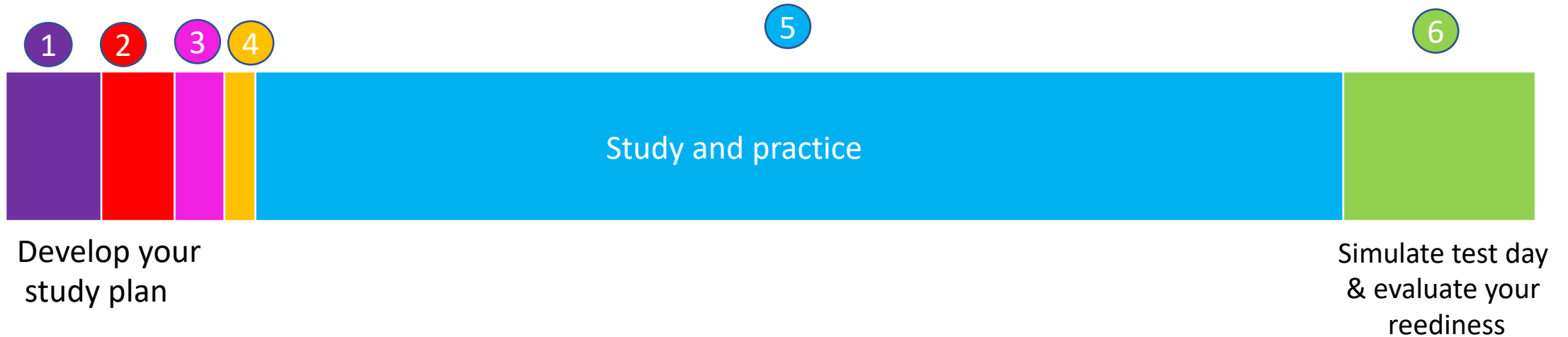


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# Create Your Plan

- 1 Find Out Everything You Can About the Exam
- 2 Figure Out Where You Stand: How Much Do You Know?
- 3 Gather Free and Low-Cost Resources to Help You Prepare
- 4 Create Your Study Plan
- 5 Study and Practice
- 6 Prepare for Test Day



# Law School Prep Timeline

<b>Year 0</b>			<b>Summer/Fall</b> Start Studying for the LSAT	<b>December</b> Take the LSAT (first attempt)
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>February</b> Backup Test #1	<b>June</b> Backup Test #2	<b>September</b> Apply to Law School	
<b>Year 2</b>				<b>Fall</b> Begin Law School



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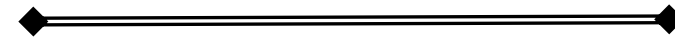
# Law School Admissions Timeline

Ideal time to apply

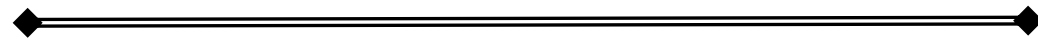
Not too late

Optimal time to apply

Cutting it close!



**Early Decision Period**



**Rolling Admissions Period**

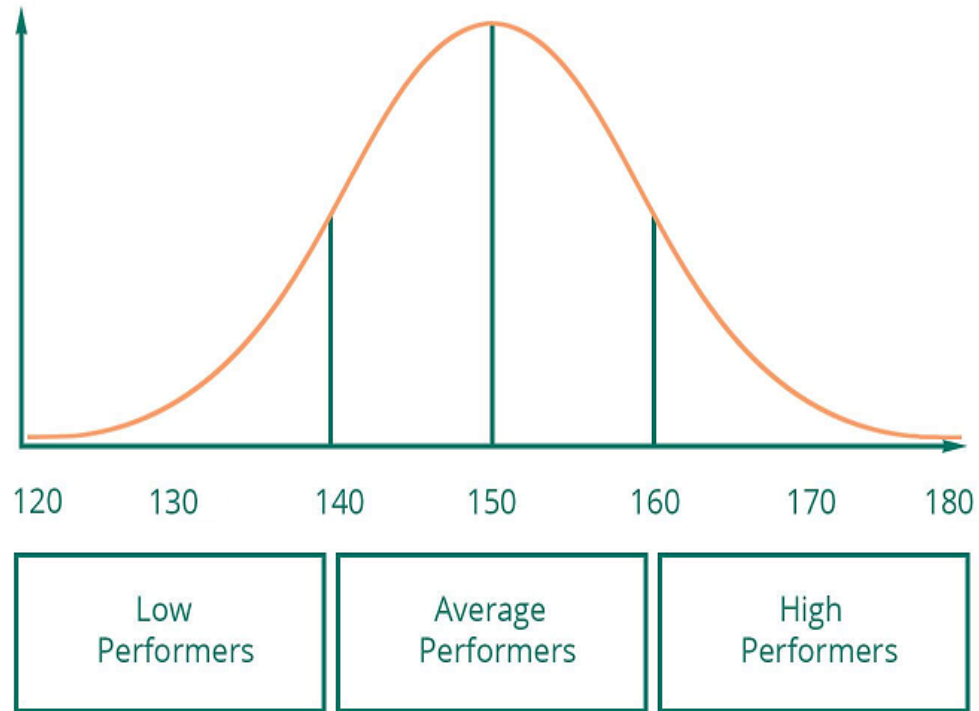
Hint!

Your application should be flawless and early



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# LSAT Scoring



Raw Score	Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
0 - 15	120	0%
37	140	13.0%
45	145	25.8%
55	151	48.3%
60	154	60.0%
70	160	81.0%
80	166	93.4%
90	173	99.0%



# LSAT Test Logistics

<b>Test Cost</b>	<b>\$190 (8 dates offered in 2020-New Digital format!)</b>
<b>Credential Assembly Service</b>	<b>\$195 (one-time fee); CAS sends your application to schools</b>
<b>Retaking</b>	<b>Can be taken 3 times in two years</b>
<b>Validity</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Prep Time</b>	<b>Working average is 150-200 hours (10-15 per week for 2-3 months)</b>
<b>Where to Register</b>	<b><a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a></b>

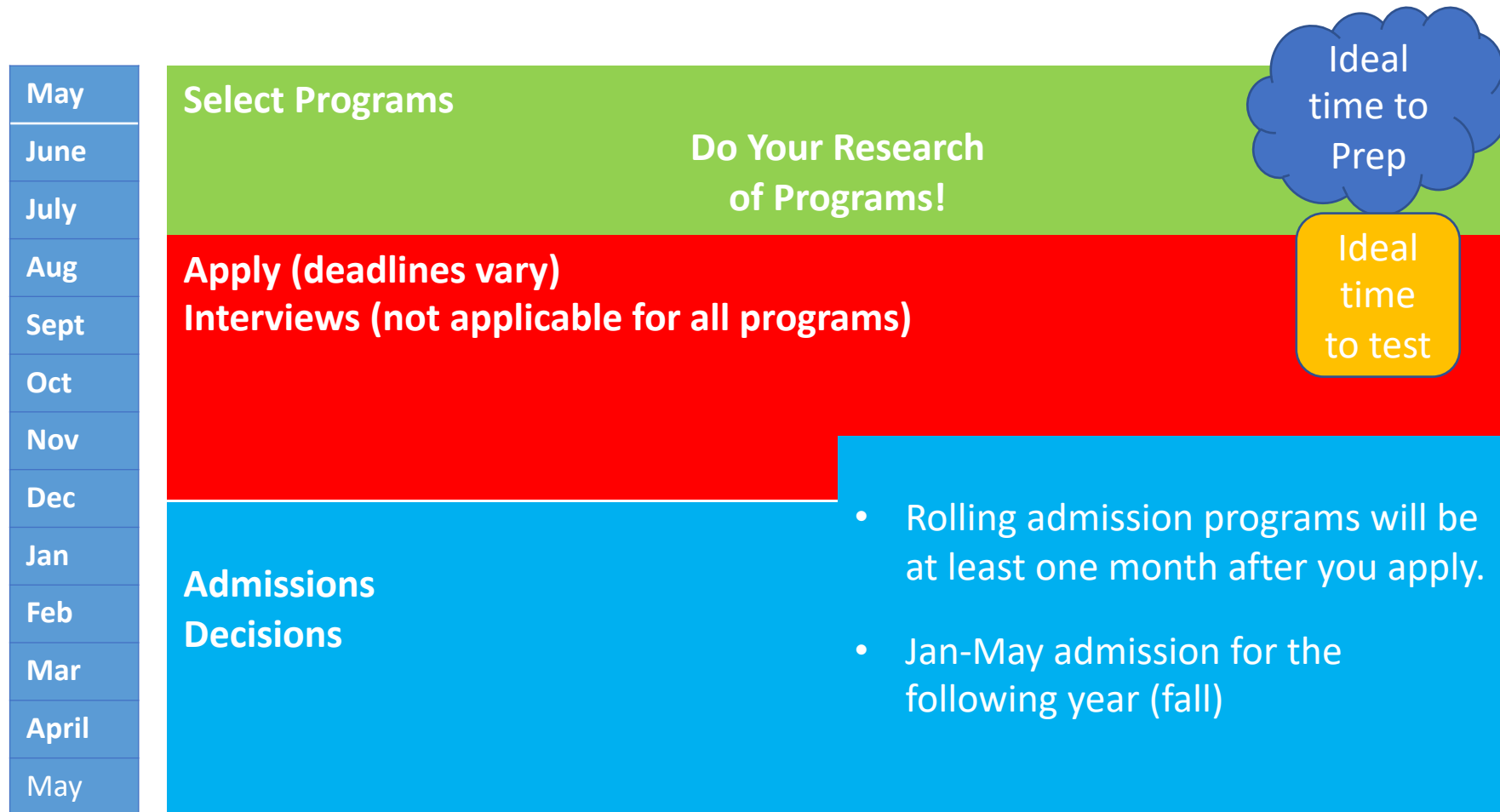


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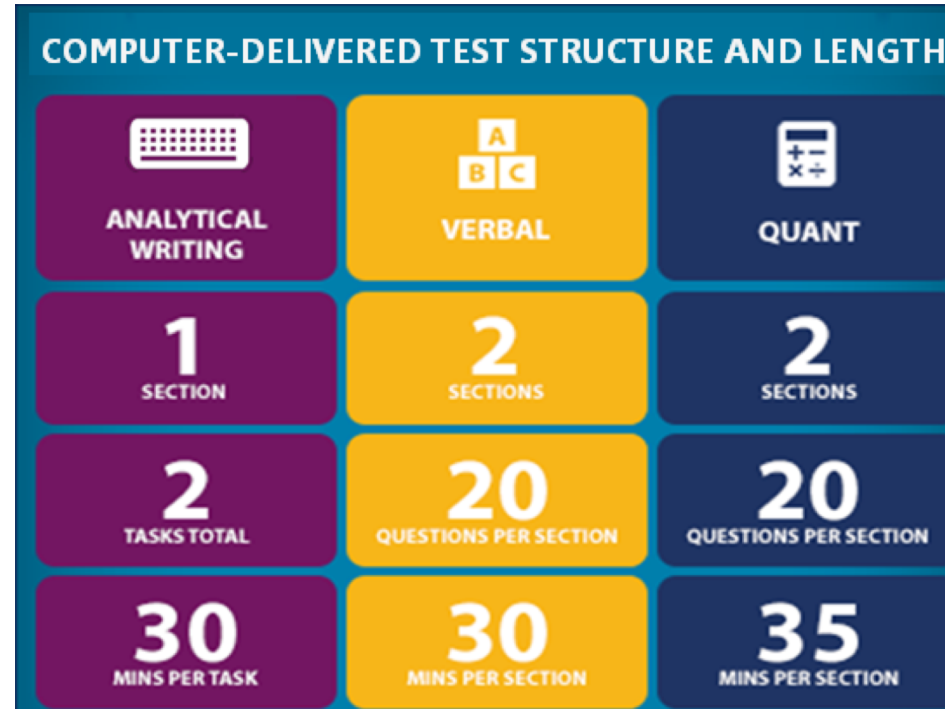
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# GRE School Admission Timeline

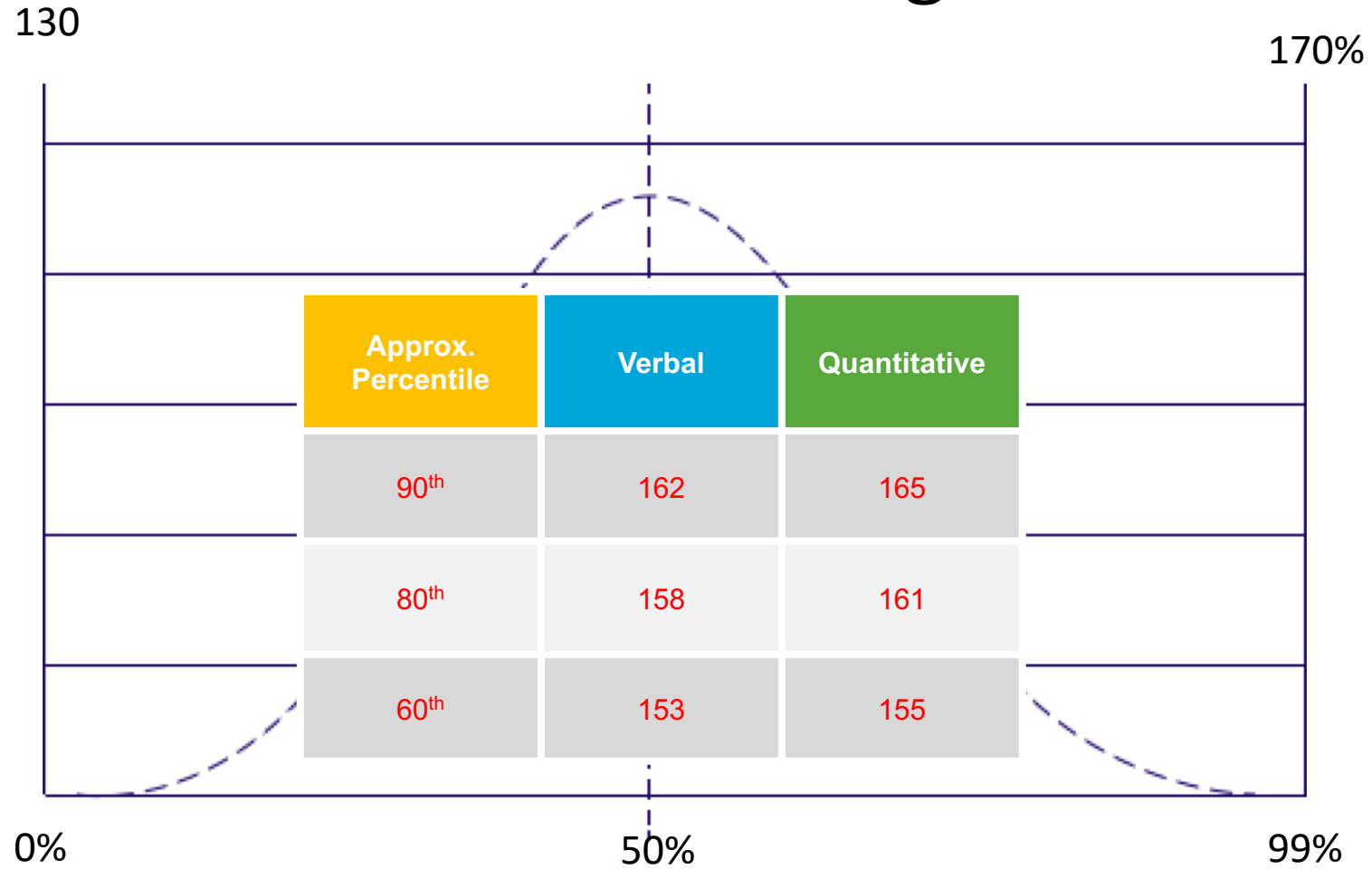


# GRE Content Breakdown



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# GRE Scoring



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# GRE Test Logistics

<b>Test Cost</b>	<b>\$205 (15 days prior)</b>
<b>Offered</b>	<b>Daily, at designated ETS Prometric testing centers</b>
<b>Retaking</b>	<b>21-day waiting period</b>
<b>Validity</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Prep Time</b>	<b>Working average is 100-120 hours</b>
<b>Where to Register</b>	<b><a href="http://www.ets.org/gre">www.ets.org/gre</a></b>



# Med School Admissions Timeline



Take MCAT and Get Scores

File Primary Application

File Secondary Application

Interviews

Acceptance





Hint!

EARLY AND FLAWLESS



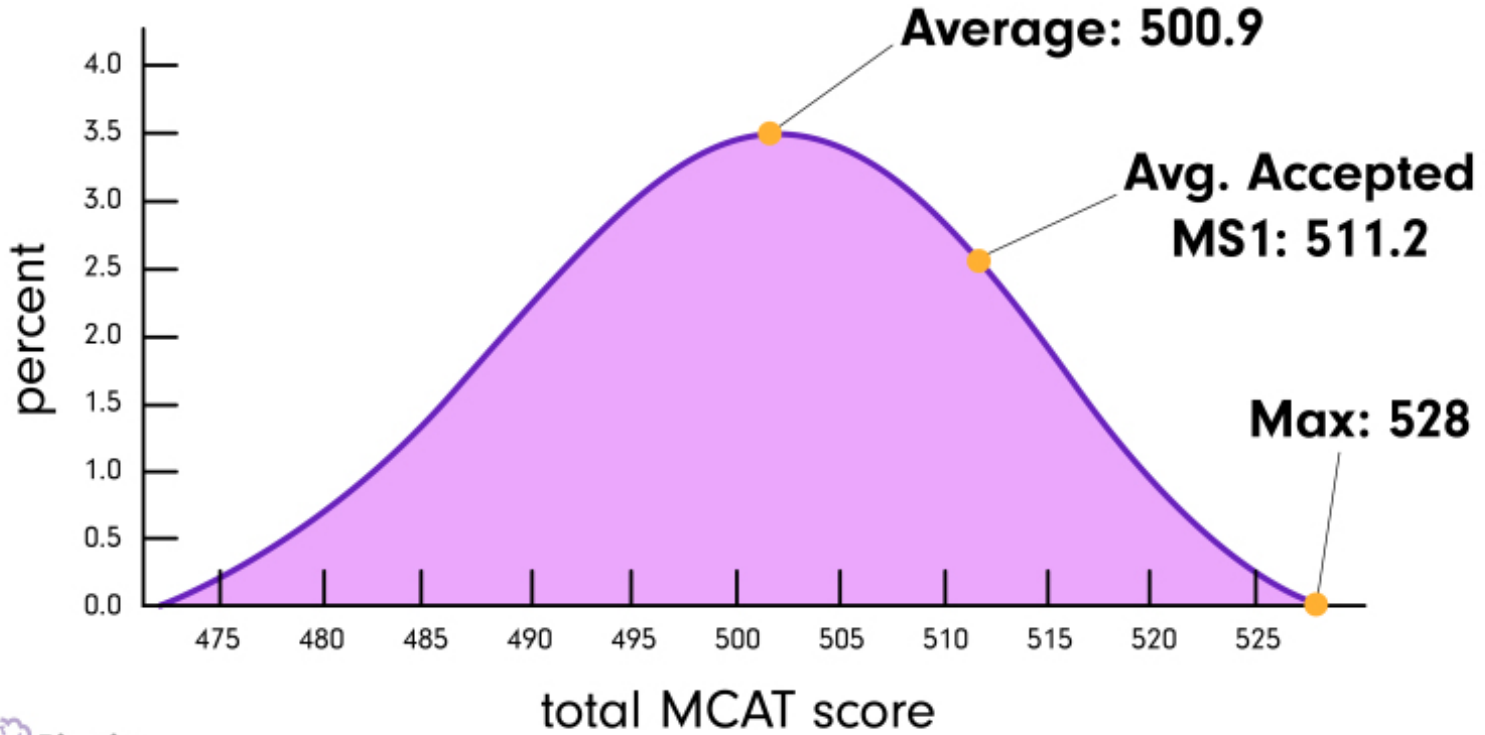
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# MCAT Content Breakdown

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	LENGTH	CONTENT BREAKDOWN
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	59	95 min.	
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills (CARS)	53	90 min.	No content required—all information necessary to answer the questions is contained in passages on the humanities and social sciences.
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	59	95 min.	
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	59	95 min.	
<b>TOTAL SEAT TIME</b> (including all breaks and surveys)		<b>7.5 hours</b>	



# MCAT Scoring



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# MCAT Test Logistics

<b>Test Cost</b>	<b>\$315 (15 days prior)</b>
<b>Offered</b>	<b>30 times per year</b>
<b>Retaking</b>	<b>3x per year: 7x lifetime limit</b>
<b>Validity</b>	<b>2-3 Years</b>
<b>Prep Time</b>	<b>Working average is 350 hours</b>
<b>Where to Register</b>	<b><a href="http://www.aamc.org">www.aamc.org</a></b>



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# Your options to prepare



On-Line Instruction



In-Person Classroom



One-on-One Tutoring



Self-Study

Hint!

You have lots of options.  
Research  
what is best for you.



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# TO ACE ANY TEST....



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# Free Resources

- **FREE STUDY GUIDE:**

- <http://welcome.kaptest.com/freestudyguide/step/enter>

- **MCAT STUDY Plan**

- <http://image.email.aamc.org/lib/fe8e13727c63047f73/m/1/7864f1fd-cb3c-480e-af3b-e87614eb8eff.pdf>

- **GRE FREE PRACTICE TEST:**

- <https://www.test-guide.com/free-gre-practice-tests.html>

- **MCAT FREE PRACTICE TEST:**

- [https://www.princetonreview.com/medical/free-mcat-practice-test?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIoKOIzryh5QIVC2yGCh23PQoOEAAAYAiAAEgJ64\\_D\\_BwE&ExDT=2#!practice](https://www.princetonreview.com/medical/free-mcat-practice-test?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIoKOIzryh5QIVC2yGCh23PQoOEAAAYAiAAEgJ64_D_BwE&ExDT=2#!practice)

- **LSAT FREE PRACTICE TESTS:**

- <https://familiar.lsac.org>



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# Questions?

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