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Sample GMAT Comprehensive Syllabus 16 sessions

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This syllabus offers complete coverage of the GMAT: integrated reasoning, writing, verbal, and quantitative sections. General test strategy and time management techniques are built into each session and applied specifically to the content covered. Homework should be completed in the order presented on the syllabus below (i.e. first complete the item listed first, second, complete the item listed second). This syllabus includes 5 practice exams: 2 online and 3 paper exams provided by GMAC. During practice testing weeks, we will both review advanced content and focus on test taking methodology.

Required Texts

- OG: The Official Guide for GMAT Review, 13th Edition (GMAC)
- QR: The Official Guide for GMAT Quantitative Review, 2nd Edition (GMAC)
- VR: The Official Guide for GMAT Verbal Review, 2nd Edition (GMAC)
- GM1: [Free GMAT Practice Exam from Manhattan GMAT](#)
- GM2: [Free GMAT Practice Exams and material from mba.com](#)
- IR: [Free Integrated Reasoning Practice](#)

Optional Texts

- MG: Manhattan GMAT Complete Strategy Set Guide, 5th Edition (Manhattan GMAT)

Before the First Session

- OG: Read Chapters 1 and 2, introduction to exam and preparation methods • Complete the attached paper diagnostic exam, GM2: Paper practice exam #1
- Complete the test under timed/test conditions
- Enter your incorrect problems and problems that were difficult into the shared online question log provided by your tutor – this is very important!



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Sample Sessions

Every GMAT student's aptitude and learning style is different, so the focus and pacing of sessions will be set according to student data on problem sets and practice tests. However, the sample sessions below map out the typical progression of a tutoring relationship, including in-session content coverage and related homework assignments.

Session 1: Introduction, General Strategy and Discussion of History/Goals

In session

- Walk through syllabus and discuss academic/GMAT history and goals. Finalize session cadence and scheduling through test date
- Review diagnostic exam and evaluate strengths and weaknesses

Homework

- OG: Read Chapter 4, Math Review
- OG: Read Sections 5.0 to 5.2, Problem Solving • OG: Problem Solving (5.3) questions 1-100
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 2: Problem Solving (I)

In session

- Review homework questions
- Introduction to math fundamentals: number properties, counting methods, algebra, word problems, sequences & series

Homework

- OG: Problem Solving (5.3) questions 101-230
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 3: Problem Solving (II)

In session

- Review homework questions
- Continuation to math details: properties of quadratics, probability & statistics, two-dimensional geometry

Homework

- OG: Read Sections 6.0 to 6.2, Data Sufficiency • OG: Data Sufficiency (6.3) questions 1-100
- Review solutions and complete question log



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Session 4: Data Sufficiency (I)

In session

- Overview of data sufficiency questions
- Development of solution framework
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Data Sufficiency (6.3) questions 101-174
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 5: Data Sufficiency (II)

In session

- Review homework questions
- Special approaches to data sufficiency – tips, tricks & watch-its

Homework

- OG: Read Sections 9.0 to 9.5, Sentence Correction
- OG: Sentence Correction (9.6) questions 1-60
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 6: Sentence Correction (I)

In session

- Overview of sentence correction questions and approach
- Practice questions from OG compiled by tutor for overall approach and techniques
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Sentence Correction (9.6) questions 61-140
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 7: Sentence Correction (II)

In session

- Review homework questions
- Emphasis on difficult topics: modifiers, idioms, etc.

Homework

- GM2: Online practice exam #1
- QR: Problem Solving questions (Quant book section 4.3) questions 1-176 as needed
- Review solutions and complete question log



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Session 8: Exam review #1

In session

- Review practice exam (except AWA and IR)
- Discussion of timing tricks and shortcuts
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Read Sections 8.0 to 8.3, Critical Reasoning
- OG: Critical Reasoning (8.4) questions 1-50
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 9: Critical Reasoning (I)

In session

- Overview of critical reasoning questions and approach
- Practice questions from OG compiled by tutor for overall approach and techniques
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Critical Reasoning (8.4) questions 51-124
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 10: Critical Reasoning (II)

In session

- Discuss difficult critical reasoning concepts and questions
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Read Sections 7.0 to 7.3, Reading Comprehension
- OG: Reading Comprehension (7.4) questions 1-98
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 11: Reading Comprehension

In session

- Discuss three overall strategies for reading comprehension passages:
- Read and take notes, Read and summarize, Read entirely through
- Analyze student's learning style and choose strategy accordingly

Homework

- GM2: Paper practice exam #2
- OG: Reading Comprehension (7.4) questions 99-139 (try all three strategies)
- Review solutions and complete question log



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Session 12: Exam review #2

In session

- Review practice exam
- Discussion of “educated guessing” techniques
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Read Sections 11.0 to 11.6, Analytical Writing Assessment
- OG: Choose 4 sample arguments (11.6) to write about – two under timed conditions and two under untimed conditions
- QR: Data Sufficiency (Quant book section 5.3) questions 1-124
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 13: Writing and Review

In session

- Review writing samples
- Discuss writing section and overall techniques
- Review homework questions

Homework

- OG: Read Sections 10.0 to 10.4, Integrated Reasoning
- IR: Complete four Integrated Reasoning practice tests from link above
- OG: Choose another two sample arguments (11.6) to write about under timed conditions
- VR: Sentence Correction (Verbal book section 5.6) questions 1-60
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 14: Integrated Reasoning and Review

In session

- Review Integrated Reasoning online practice
- Discuss Integrated Reasoning timing strategies
- Review writing samples and discuss lessons learned

Homework

- GM2: Paper practice exam #3
- GM1: Manhattan GMAT online practice exam
- VR: Sentence Correction (Verbal book section 5.6) questions 61-113
- Review solutions and complete question log



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Session 15: Exam review #3

In session

- Review practice exam
- Discuss overall lessons learned and last minute tips & tricks
- Review homework questions and difficult concepts

Homework

- GM2: Online practice exam #2
- VR: Critical Reasoning and Reading Comprehension questions as needed
- Review solutions and complete question log

Session 16: Exam review #4 and Wrap-up

In session

- Review practice exam and last-minute homework and concept difficulties

Homework

- Relax, and good luck!