

The GRE is required for many graduate programs (most academic master's and Ph.D. programs, MPA, MPH, etc.), accepted for many (most MBA programs, for instance, in lieu of the GMAT), and can be submitted for many more (such as education programs and some law schools). Regardless of which program you are interested in, this simple rule applies: a better score is better. Axiomatic, right? In some programs, your academic profile may be competitive even with a low GRE score – but improving that score will nonetheless enhance your competitive position. At Haverford, we offer a wide variety of resources that, if used in concert, can help you create a highly effective study program. The Center for Career and Professional Advising and the Office of Academic Resources have teamed up to help you maximize your performance on the GRE without spending hundreds or thousands of dollars on private tutoring or classes. Before committing yourself to the GRE, visit the CCPA for information and advising.

## RESOURCES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

- **GRE Moodle course:** Physics professors Suzanne Kane and Walter Smith developed a self-paced Moodle course for use by Haverford students. This course sets a suggested timeline for study and provides modules that you can follow along. To access it, go to the Moodle course list and search "GRE". The course uses a Princeton Review book to provide strategies, content, and practice. This book is available online via the library and physically in the OAR.
- **Self-study materials:** Both the CCPA and OAR have physical copies of various GRE prep books available for use in those spaces. The library also has copies that can be checked out. Additionally, the library has digital copies of prep books that you can read and use anywhere on your personal computer. Simply go to the library website and search "GRE".
- **Practice Tests:** Unofficial prep tests are available in the study materials above. Additionally, you can download *Powerprep II*, the official practice tests from the makers of the test, from ets.org for FREE! These two practice tests exactly replicate the type of questions and format of the GRE. This software is also already installed on the computers in the OAR Digital Learning Lab.
- **Accountability Partners:** If you know someone else who is studying for the GRE, consider becoming accountability partners. You can test each other with vocabulary, set aside time to take practice tests together, and encourage one another during the GRE prep journey. If you would like a partner to study with, email the OAR with your class year, dorm, and study of area (GRE), and we'll do our best to find you a match!
- **Advising:** Visit the CCPA or contact your faculty advisor to learn more about graduate school opportunities. The CCPA is the perfect place to discuss your post-graduation goals, GRE prep timelines, and more! Both the CCPA and your advisors may also help you understand the role of the GRE in the specific degree program(s) that you are interested in.
- **Consultation:** Whether you want to follow along with the Moodle course or design your own study strategy using the resources on campus or your own, the OAR will help you make the most of your efforts. Head to the OAR's website and schedule a consultation! We'll help you in developing study/time management programs while keeping you accountable for your goals.