

GRE Prep Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2010

INFORMATION

- Enhance summer Research Experience for Undergraduates program with 5 3- hour GRE Prep sessions)
- \$99 per student (same content covered in regular monthly weekend open enrollment seminar for \$595 and offered at a SPECIAL RATE to Texas A&M University departments for summer REU programs)
- Min. 40 to 70 students per weekly session (this can be in combination with students from other REU programs on campus)
- Offered 5 weeks on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday (first come, first serve basis, class size is limited to 70 students)
- GRE handouts and/or booklets
- 2 full-length exams using the computer-based format (students will download and take real GRE tests from ETS, complete with scores and feedback on strengths and weaknesses)
- Five 3-hours days with 15 hours of instruction (tests to be taken on personal time and scores submitted)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- 2:00 - 5:00 PM GRE Seminar: Introduction, Basic Test Strategies, Memorization Methods for Vocabulary
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM GRE Seminar: Verbal Strategies and Memory Practice
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM GRE Seminar: Essay Strategies and Practice
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM GRE Seminar: Math Overview and Practice
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM GRE Seminar: Putting It All Together for the Test

PRACTICE TESTS

The practice tests can easily be taken by the students on their own time since they are freely available for download. These tests are real computer-adaptive GRE tests from GRE.org, and are much more accurate than those created by testing companies. There is no need to take up valuable instruction time to administer the tests, although REU may want to require students to submit their results from these tests to insure the tests are completed.

VOCABULARY

One of the key methods of increasing test scores in the verbal is to learn more vocabulary--at least 300 new words. That's a lot of memorizing, so our instructor, Cody Blair, includes instruction in memory skills, showing students exactly how to go about learning that much material in a reasonable amount of time with accurate recall for the test.

TEST ANXIETY

Blair has found that about 15-20% of his students suffer from test anxiety on standardized tests such as the GRE. For these students no increases in their scores are apparent--no matter how much they study--until their anxiety is taken care of. Blair shows them some very concrete methods they can use to sidetrack anxiety and perform their best on the test.

MATH

Although many REU students are science, math or engineering majors who are, undoubtedly, very skilled in math, this section should not be short-changed. This is not the kind of math they are used to. Students are working under time pressure, without a calculator, to do everything from factorials to algebra to probabilities, often combined into a single problem. The time pressure especially is very difficult. The students tend to be perfectionists, and they end up spending too much time on early problems and leaving too many blank at the end. After taking my class, I've seen just as big an increase in the math score for my engineering and math majors as for anyone else.

INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

Cody Blair has been teaching GRE Prep for over 9 years now, with consistently excellent reviews from his students. With over 15 years of researching how students learn and remember most effectively, Blair helps students apply that knowledge in and out of the classroom. He is a National Merit Scholar, an educational and technology consultant who works with school systems and universities throughout Texas, and a graduate of Texas A&M University. Currently he is the Test Preparation Coordinator for the Continuing and Professional Studies Office (CAPSO), Texas A&M Division of Research and Graduate Studies. He teaches an SAT Prep course, GRE Prep course, and a study skills seminar. Visit his website, www.studyprof.com. Click on the links below:

- [6 Things You Must Know Before Taking a GRE or SAT Prep Course](#)
- [Should I Invest in a GRE Prep Course?](#)

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