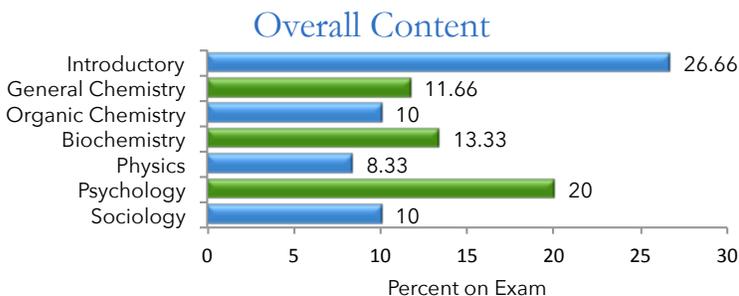


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## OVERVIEW

The MCAT is changing to keep up with rapid advances in science, transformations in the health care system, and diversifying populations. Tomorrow's doctors need to be prepared for these changes, and the MCAT will help shape what students will need to know before, and when they are in medical school. The MCAT will build questions from a set of competencies, which are concepts that students need to know and skills they need to perform. It is each student's responsibility to ensure they have met the competencies before taking the exam.



### Computer Based Test

**Registration Fee: \$315**  
**Fee Assistance Program**

### Test Dates:

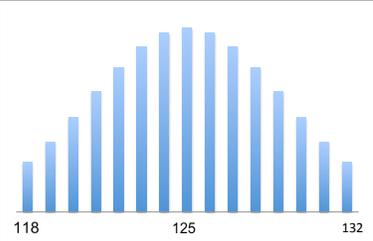
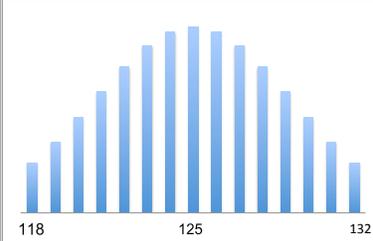
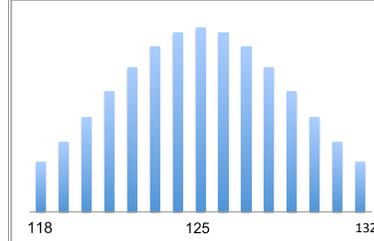
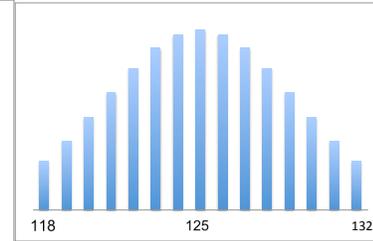
**January, April - September**

### Register:

- Late-October for January, April & May
- Mid-February for June-September

## SCORE DISTRIBUTION

Each of the four sections will be scored from a low of 118 to a high of 132, with a midpoint of 125. Scores for the four sections will be combined to create a total score, ranging from 472 to 528 with a midpoint of 500.

			
<b>Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems</b>	<b>Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills</b>	<b>Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems</b>	<b>Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior</b>
Use of foundational concepts in the chemical and physical sciences as well as scientific inquiry, reasoning, and research and statistics skills to solve problems that demonstrate readiness for medical school.	Critical analysis of information from a wide range of social sciences and humanities disciplines, including ethics and philosophy, cultural studies, and population health. Specific knowledge of these disciplines is not required for this section.	Use of foundational concepts in the biological and biochemical sciences as well as scientific inquiry, reasoning, and research and statistics skills to solve problems that demonstrate readiness for medical school.	Knowledge and use of the concepts in psychology, sociology, biology, research methods, and statistics that provide a solid foundation for learning in medical school about the behavioral and socio-cultural determinants of health and health outcomes.
Preparatory Courses: BIOL 171/L, BIOL 172/L, CHEM 161/L, CHEM 162/L, CHEM 272/L, CHEM 273/L, PHYS 151/L or PHYS 170/L, PHYS 152/L or PHYS 272/L, MATH 140+, BIOL 402/BIOC 441	Preparatory Courses: ENG 100+, courses in the social sciences and humanities that require extensive reading and writing	Preparatory Courses: BIOL 171/L, BIOL 172/L, BIOL 275/L, CHEM 161/L, CHEM 162/L, CHEM 272/L, CHEM 273/L, MATH 140+, BIOL 402/BIOC 441	Preparatory Courses: PSY 100, SOC 100, BIOL 171/L, BIOL 172/L, MATH 140+

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## TIPS FOR STUDYING WELL

- ✓ Learn as much as you can about the exam. Look on AAMC for official handouts.
- ✓ Study material covered on the exams by [reviewing courses you have taken](#), [studying guidebooks](#), or [taking preparatory courses](#) offered by private companies (e.g., Kaplan and Princeton Review for the MCAT).
- ✓ Take practice exams under *realistic, timed conditions*. AAMC offers an MCAT Sample Test in computer-based format.
- ✓ Review the results of your practice exam to identify areas in which you need improvement and spend more time reviewing material in these areas. Identify tactical errors you may have made and begin to develop strategies for answering each type of question.
- ✓ Start preparing for the exams well in advance. A year is none too soon - but pace yourself! You must find a balance between preparing thoroughly, but not burning yourself out by studying too much.
- ✓ Do your best the first time you take the exam. If you need to improve your scores, you can retake the exam up to three times in any one year OR four times in two consecutive years. There is a maximum limit of 7 retakes in a lifetime. Medical schools will be able to see all exam scores.
- ✓ Take time just before the exam to relax, get a good night's sleep, and eat a good nutritious breakfast. Scope out the exam location prior to your test day as well.

## BREAKDOWN

Test Section	Number of Questions	Time
Examinee Agreement	—	10 minutes
Tutorial (Optional)	—	5 minutes
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	59	95 minutes
Break (Optional)	—	10 minutes
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	53	90 minutes
Mid-Exam Break (Optional)	—	30 minutes
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	59	95 minutes
Break (Optional)	—	10 minutes
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	59	95 minutes
Void Question	—	5 minutes
Satisfaction Survey (Optional)	—	5 minutes
<b>Total Content Time</b>	—	<b>6 hours, 15 minutes</b>
<b>Total "Seat" Time</b>	—	<b>7 hours, 30 minutes</b>

## SCORE AVAILABILITY

For examinees taking the MCAT exam in April and May, scores will take longer than the typical 30 to 35 days to be reported.

For examinees taking the MCAT exam in June and later, score reporting will return to the 30 to 35 day time frame.

## RESOURCES

- ▶ [The Official Guide to the MCAT® Exam \(MCAT\)](#)
- ▶ [Official MCAT Sample Test](#)
- ▶ [What's on the MCAT Exam?](#)
- ▶ [Khan Academy Pre-health Collection](#)
- ▶ [MCAT Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- ▶ [Practice with the Exam Features](#)
- ▶ [AAMC Content Mapping Tool](#)
- ▶ [Pre-health Collection within MedEdPORTAL's](#)



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