

Information about the MCAT

Admissions officers use the MCAT as a predictor of your success in medical school. The exam is designed to test the skills you'll use when you get there, including basic science, verbal reasoning, and writing ability. In 2015, a new section was added to the test - Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior. This, along with new material in biochemistry, adds up to three additional semesters' worth of material compared to the previous version. The new MCAT is a 7½ hour, computer-based test that has the reputation of being one of the most challenging standardized tests.

What sections are on the MCAT?	What skills are being assessed?	How long is this section?
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	Tests basic biology, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, and biochemistry.	59 questions in 95 minutes
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	Tests basic biochemistry, biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics.	59 questions in 95 minutes.
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	Tests introductory psychology, sociology, and biology.	59 questions in 95 minutes
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	Similar to the comprehension sections on other standardized tests (<i>e.g.</i> SAT or ACT); passages come from a variety of humanities and social science disciplines.	53 questions in 90 minutes
Total Time		230 questions in 6 hours and 15 minutes

How is the MCAT scored?

Each section on the MCAT is scored in a range of **118-132**, with an average score being 125. The four sections are added together to give a **Total MCAT score in the range of 472-528**, with an average being 500.