



# Admissions Workshop

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# 2007-2008 Guide to the Use of GRE Scores

[www.ets.org/gre/edupubs.html](http://www.ets.org/gre/edupubs.html)



# Important Guidelines to Remember

## (Full List, p. 6-7)

- Use multiple criteria (e.g. undergraduate grade point average, letters of recommendation, personal statement, samples of academic work, and professional experience related to proposed graduate study). **GRE scores should not be used exclusively.**
- Consider analytical writing, verbal and quantitative scores as three separate and independent measures.
- A cutoff score based only on GRE scores should never be used as a sole criterion for denial of admission.
- Avoid decisions based on small score differences



## Conditional Standard Errors of Measurement (CSEM) of Difference Scores at Selected Scores for General Test Measures

	Quantitative	CSEM	Confidence Interval
Applicant 1	700	54	*789-611
		$54 * 1.65 = 89$	
Applicant 2	750	40	

\*According to GRE guide to interpretation, the range 784-616 represents small difference in scores. GRE recommends that such “small differences” not be the basis of decision. (See Table 6B, p.20 and Instructions for CSEM, p.12)



# Comparison of Current Applicant's GRE Quantitative Scores

- Chemical Engineering
  - Applicant A: 800
  - Applicant B: 750
    - CSEM = 40
    - $40 * 1.65 = 66$
    - **CI: 684 - 816**

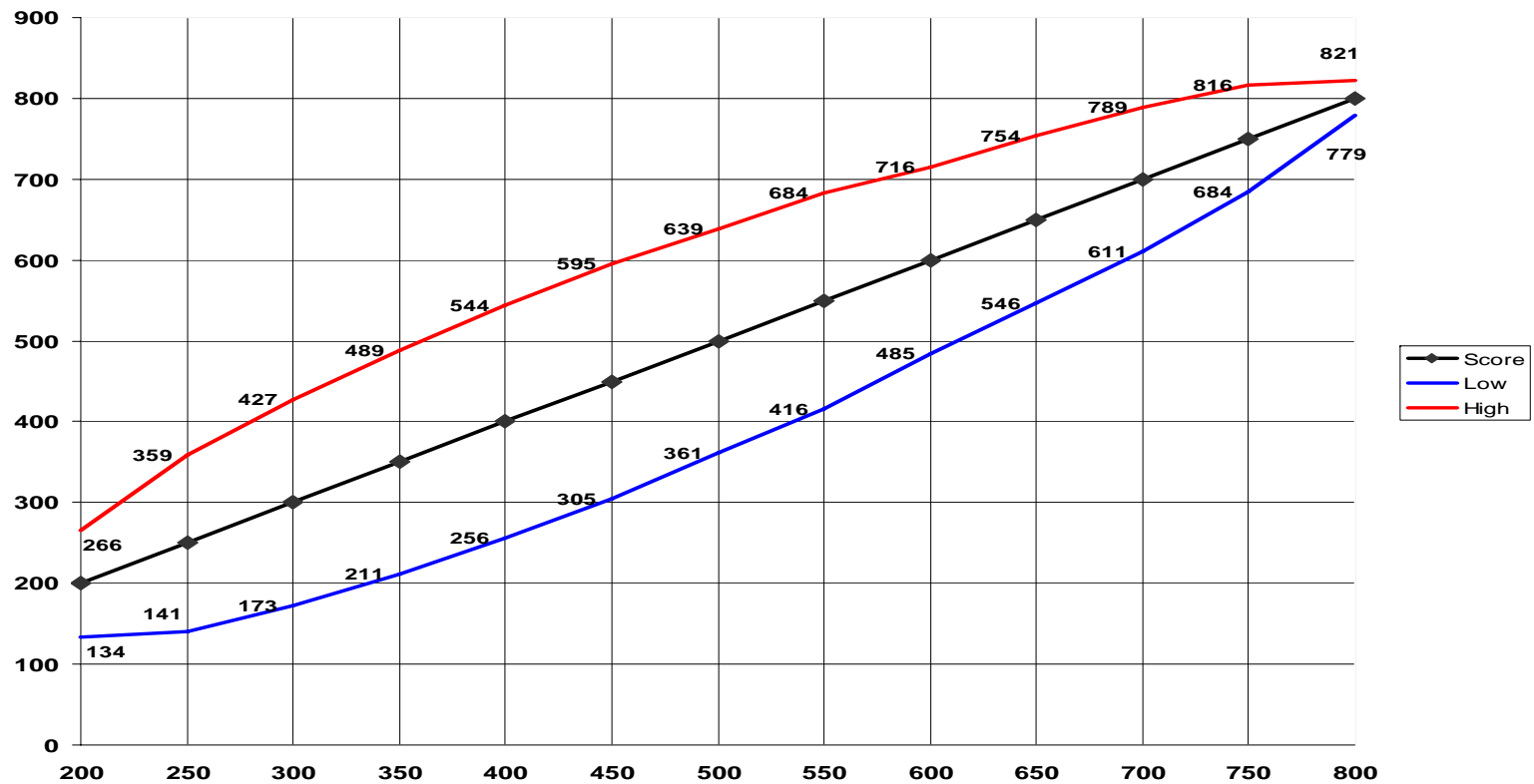


- Sociology
  - Applicant A: 700
  - Applicant B: 600
    - CSEM = 70
    - $70 * 1.65 = 116$
    - **CI: 484 - 716**

**Both applicants ARE equivalent!!!!!!**



## GRE Quantitative Confidence Interval for Comparing Scores





## Average Correlations of General Test and Undergraduate GPA with Selected Criterion Variables

	General Test		Undergraduate GPA
	Verbal	Quantitative	
First Year Graduate GPA	<b>.34</b>	<b>.38</b>	<b>.33</b>
Degree Attainment	<b>.18</b>	<b>.20</b>	<b>.12</b>



# Fall 2007 Mean Undergraduate GPA by UG Institution Type

	Applicants		Admits		New Registrants	
	GPA	N	GPA	N	GPA	N
UCLA	3.41	1,266	3.51	669	3.47	478
Other UC	3.40	2,159	3.52	918	3.44	479
CSU	3.37	886	3.50	265	3.46	187
Other CA	3.48	1,093	3.57	477	3.53	244
Other US	3.51	6,243	3.59	2,213	3.51	950
Foreign	3.50	3,479	3.57	629	3.53	261
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>15,667</b>	<b>3.56</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>2,636</b>