

GAMSAT

INFORMATION SESSION



UniSC Health Society

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Griffith University
Medicine Society
Queensland, Australia

We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today. We pay our respects to their Elders: past, present and emerging.

Speakers



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What is the GAMSAT?

Graduate Medical School Admissions Test

- ACER: <https://gamsat.acer.org>
- \$560 per test
- For Australia (+some Ireland and UK institutions)
- Completed or enrolled in a bachelor or undergraduate honours degree

Computer based test (MCQ + written response)

Three sections

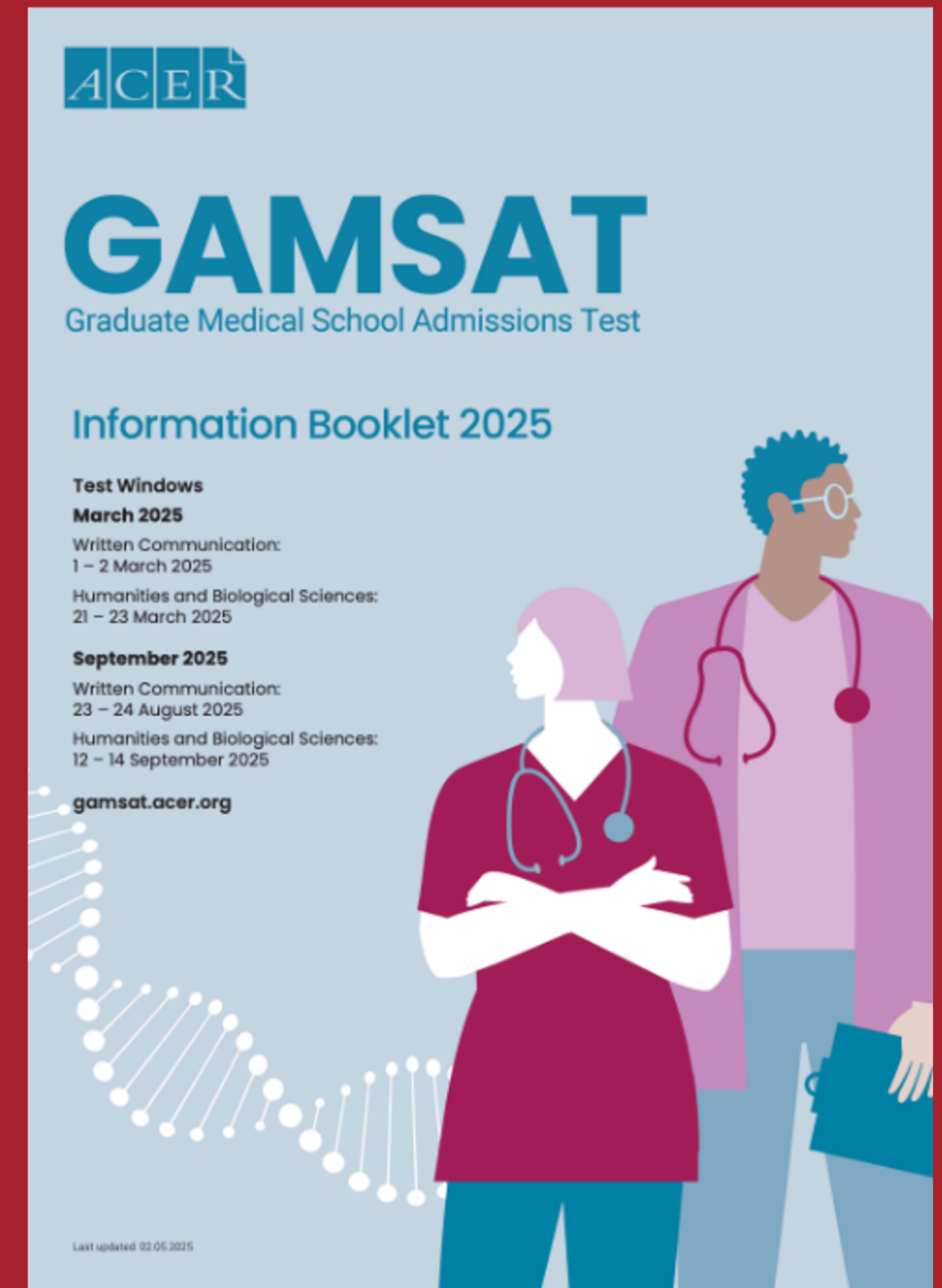
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Written Communication (remote proctoring)
- Biological and Physical Sciences

2 sessions per year:

- March
- September (Written Communication in August)



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GAMSAT Website



Key Dates

GAMSAT 2025

March (lapsed)
September

- Registrations are **NOW OPEN**
- Registrations close July 1st
- Score is valid for 4 years (Australia only)
- You can select the score
- March is the last valid sitting for that year's application cycle
- Applications valid 10 years post-degree

March 2025	September 2025
Registrations open November 2024*	Registrations open May 2025*
Standard registrations close Monday 20 January 2025 (9pm AEDT¶, 10am GMT+)	Standard registrations close Tuesday 1 July 2025 (10pm AEST‡, 1pm BST#)
Late registrations close Thursday 30 January 2025 (9pm AEDT¶, 10am GMT+)	Late registrations close Monday 14 July 2025 (10pm AEST‡, 1pm BST#)
Reasonable adjustments close Monday 20 January 2025 (9pm AEDT¶, 10am GMT+)	Reasonable adjustments close Tuesday 1 July 2025 (10pm AEST‡, 1pm BST#)
Refund requests close Thursday 30 January 2025 (9pm AEDT¶, 10am GMT+)	Refund requests close Monday 14 July 2025 (10pm AEST‡, 1pm BST#)
Deferral requests close Thursday 30 January 2025 (9pm AEDT¶, 10am GMT+)	Deferral requests close Monday 14 July 2024 (10pm AEST‡, 1pm BST#)
Test windows Written Communication: 1–2 March 2025 Humanities and Biological Sciences: 21–23 March 2025	Test windows Written Communication: 23–24 August 2025 Humanities and Biological Sciences: 12–14 September 2025
Results available Late May 2025	Results available Mid November 2025

3 Sections - 5.25 hours

1: WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

2 essay responses - **65 minutes**

Assesses ability to generate and develop ideas in writing

2: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

62 multiple choice questions - **100 minutes**

Tests skills in the interpretation and understanding of ideas in social and cultural contexts

3: BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

75 multiple choice questions - **150 minutes**

Assesses ability to identify knowledge in new contexts, and analyse and interpret data

First window:

1: WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

65 minutes, 2 prompts (~30 minutes per prompt)

- **SOCIO-CULTURAL**
- **PERSONAL AND SOCIAL**

What are they looking for?

- Thoughtful responses strongly encouraged
- “Correctness” of responses not assessed
- Pre-prepared responses perform poorly

***QUALITY, NUANCE,
DEPTH, CLARITY***

Second window (MCQ):

2: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Analysing passages of text

100 minutes, 62 questions

All MCQ have 4 options

What are they looking for?

Testing verbal processing, conceptual thinking, reasoning, and objective/subjective thinking

Second window (MCQ):

3. REASONING IN BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

150 minutes, 75 questions

Chemistry (40%) | Biology (40%) | Physics (20%)

What to expect?

- Variety of question structures (diagrams, text, tables) from a year 12 or first-year university level of complexity
- Relevant formulae and background info often supplied

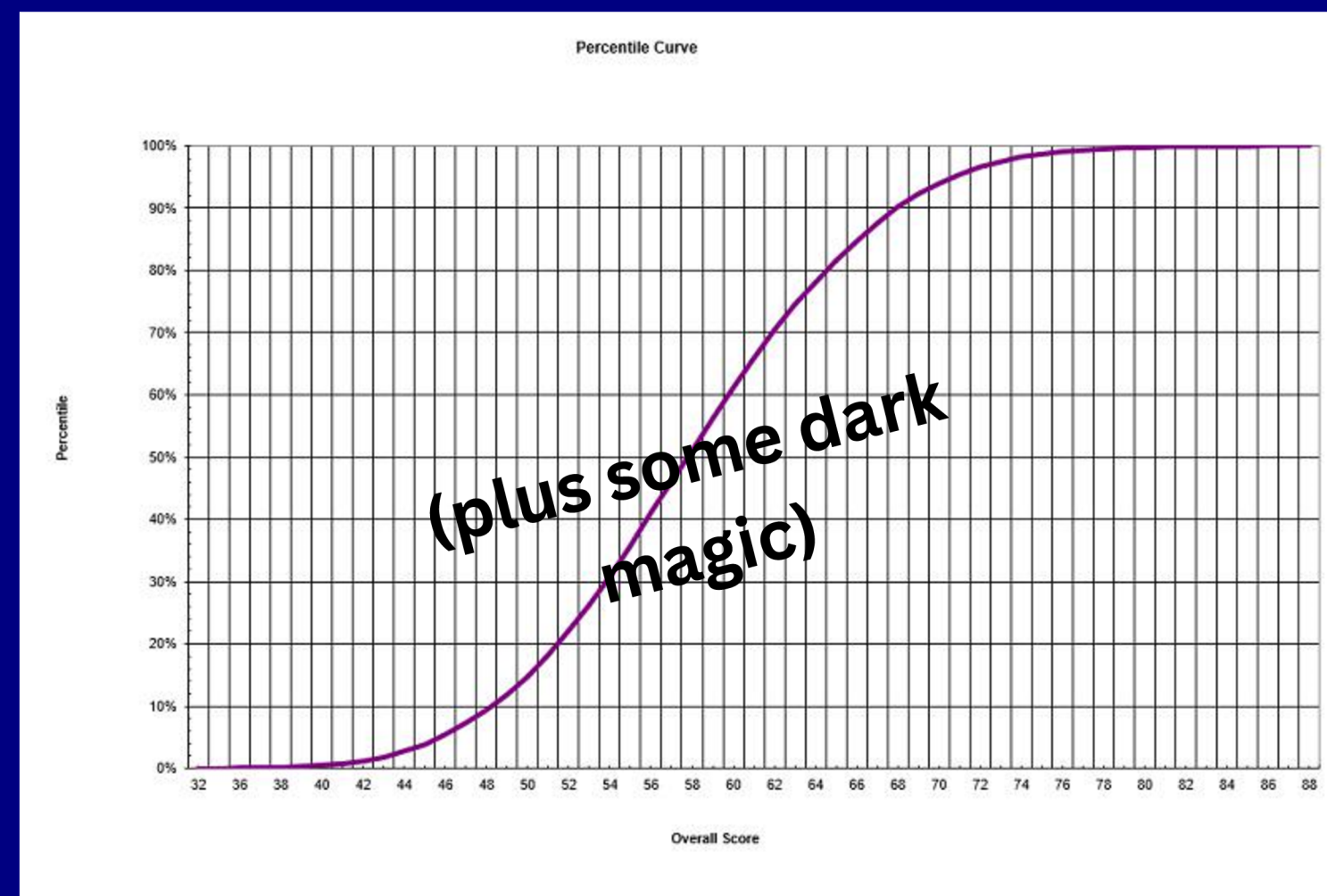
***Practice the
art of Multiple
Choice!***

SCORING

Scaled into a percentile distribution between 1 and 100

Humanities & Social Sciences+Written Communication+2*Biological & Physical Sciences

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SCORING

Average minimum: 63

Not necessarily competitive

- ~80% of test-takers score **above 50**
- ~18% score **above 63**

It's common to take the GAMSAT multiple times.

The GAMSAT score you need to receive an interview is COMPLETELY DEPENDENT on your GPA.

	Available Places in 2025			GAMSAT ® Cutoffs											
	CSP ¹	BMP ²	Full-Fee	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
ANU	64	26	30 ³	56	60	62	60	66	65	63	66	67	67	66	68.5
UNDS	43	17	60 ⁶	53	53	53	60	59	56	58	62	63	58	63	64
USYD	173	57	70 ³	67	68	69	67	69	68	69	66	72	67	67	67
UOW	60	24	15 ³	57	54	57	54	64	59	60	55	60	63	62	63
Griffith	142 ⁷	56 ⁷	35 ³	64	57	58	60	61	66	61	66	67	61	64	66
UQ	114 ¹²	46	190 ³	66	68	66	70	73	71	63 ⁵	64	65	69	63	65
Flinders ¹⁰	90	-	-	60	58	60	60	59	62	65	64	63	69	64	60
Deakin ¹¹	97	39	15 ³	58	57	59	59	63	59	58	58	64	62	66	67
UniMelb	165	65 ⁴	115 ⁴	59	60	63	63	66	65	63	66	67	65	67	65
UNDF	81	29	20	52	55	55	55	58	55	61	61	61	62	61	62
UWA ⁹	73	30	30 ³	58	58	58	58	62	67	65	69	69	66	65	64
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MEDICAL ADMISSIONS

GAMSAT COMPLETED

GEMSAS: GRADUATE ENTRY MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SYSTEM

6 PREFERENCES

CRITERIA: GPA, GAMSAT, INTERVIEW

12 GRADUATE ADMISSIONS UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRALIA

- ANU
- DEAKIN
- **FLINDERS**
- GRIFFITH
- UNI MELB
- MACQUARIE
- NOTRE DAME (FREEMANTLE + SYDNEY) + CASPER
- UQ
- **UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**
- UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG +CASPER & PORTFOLIO
- **MONASH (MONASH STUDENTS ONLY)**



KEY DATES: MEDICAL ADMISSIONS

GEMSAS

- Application open: May 2025
- Applications close: 5pm 30 May 2025
- Payment due: 5pm 6th June 2025
- Interview offers (/rejections): Early September 2025
- Interviews: September/October
- Offers: End of October/Early November (late offers until Jan)

UniSYD: 14/04/25 – 29/05/25

Flinders: 26/05/25 – 07/07/25



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GAMSAT EXPERIENCES & TIPS:

SOPHIE

Sitting 1: March 2023

- **ACER resources only**
- **62**

Sitting 2: March 2024

- **Physics tutoring (GAMSAT specific)**
- **Practice exams: ACER**
- **GAMSAT bibles (only relevant ones) + Practice books**
- **Timed Practice**
- **74**

Interview

- **Tutoring**
- **Practice with family**

GAMSAT EXPERIENCES & TIPS:

JUSTIN

Sitting 1: September 2023

- Practice exams: ACER
- Timed practice under exam conditions
- revision of year 12 physics and 1st year uni chem&bio
- 75

PRACTICE EXAMS, PRACTICE EXAMS, PRACTICE EXAMS!

Review: find weak spots in sciences

Practice literature analysis

Practice timed essay-writing and seek feedback to dial in tone

GAMSAT EXPERIENCES & TIPS:

JUSTIN - TIME MANAGEMENT

Run through practice exams consistently

- fields are intentionally too large to rote learn

Start a few months prior

- saturday morning every weekend - don't let it hurt your studies

Be rested for the exam.

- Be satisfied with your preparation
- **Don't cram**
- Remember you can try it as many times as you like

Wellbeing

- The GAMSAT does not represent your intelligence or critical reasoning!
- Try your hardest, manage your expectations

FINALLY, SOME FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF MED SCHOOL

SAME STUDY TECHNIQUES AS UNDERGRAD

- PRACTICE BEING SELF-MOTIVATED
- LOTS OF CONTENT - CAN'T BE A COMPLETIONIST. PRIORITISE HIGH-YIELD CONTENT
- FORMING RELATIONSHIPS IN YOUR COHORT IS ESSENTIAL.
 - MAINTAINS SOCIAL LIFE
 - MOTIVATE EACH OTHER
 - UNDERGRAD IS COMPETITIVE. MED IS TEAMWORK
- YOU MAY FEEL OVERWHELMED AT FIRST; IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG TO ADAPT

Q&A