

# How to ace the GRE Psychology Subject Test

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- ❖ Register for the test ASAP and read over the information they send to you!
- ❖ Buy a study guide book!
  - ...but don't rely on it
    - The information is sometimes inaccurate
    - It can focus too much on the connection between the theory and theorist, but the actual GRE test focuses more on the application of the theory
    - The tests at the end of the study guide book are tailored to the information presented in the book
  - Use the study guide to learn test-taking tips and general info covered
  - You should have at least a basic understanding of each topic in the book
- ❖ Form a study group! (3-4 people)
  - Meet often, as if in a class
  - Try to all have different study guide books
  - Compile notes and/or study guides from courses
    - With enough study partners, all areas of the test should be covered
  - Go over a topic each meeting
    - Have the person most familiar with the topic be the moderator to go over information or answer questions
  - Share mnemonic devices for remembering information
  - If time allows, go over multiple choice questions in the study guide book, or in a Psych 101, or area-specific textbook
  - Use a 101 text and others texts as references
    - FYI: The Anne Arundel computer lab has textbooks to borrow
- ❖ Take Practice Tests!
  - Take the GRE practice test first
    - It has harder and more typical questions
  - Take tests from your study guide and other study guides in your group
  - Review the questions you got wrong and try to strengthen your understanding of that area
- ❖ Don't forget to study for the GRE General Test!
  - Not all programs need Subject Test scores (although a good score won't hurt you!)
  - There is conflicting information over which test is more important to focus on
    - To be safe, try to do well on both!

~GOOD LUCK!