

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) has three sections of standardized multiple-choice questions (total of 219 items) with an additional writing sample comprised of two essays. The test lasts 5 ¾ hours. The three multiple-choice sections: biological sciences, physical sciences, and verbal reasoning are each scored on a 1-15 scale. Scores of 9.5 to 11 in each section are considered competitive by most medical schools. Top medical schools look for scores of 12 and above. For more information, visit the website of the American Association of Medical Colleges.

Average MCAT Scores by Selected Majors, 2003

	Physical Sciences	Biological Sciences	Verbal Reasoning	Number of Applicants
Biomedical Engineering	10.6	10.3	9.4	543
Physics	10.6	9.8	9.5	134
Electrical Engineering	10.5	9.8	9.0	139
Economics	10.3	10.2	9.6	426
Mathematics	10.0	9.7	9.3	233
Biochemistry	9.9	10.1	8.9	2,388
Neuroscience	9.6	10.0	9.2	718
Chemistry	9.6	9.4	8.6	1,777
English	9.2	9.5	9.8	389
Microbiology	8.9	9.5	8.6	861
Biology	8.6	9.2	8.6	12,718
Psychology	8.6	8.9	8.9	1,605
Premed	8.3	8.7	8.3	583
All Majors	9.3	9.0	8.8	32,656

Source: AIP Statistical Research Center compiled data from the Data Warehouse of the American Association of Medical Colleges