

Table 8
Mean Importance Ratings for Each Admission Criterion
for Departments Requiring GRE and Those Neither Requiring Nor Recommending GRE

Mean Importance Ratings:		
Req'd for All (n=151)	Not Req'd (n=80)	Admission Criteria (listed in Item 5a. through 5u).
3.9	3.8	c. Undergraduate grade-point average in major field
3.8	3.1	g. Recommendation letters from faculty known by members of your department
3.7	3.6	b. Undergraduate grade-point average in junior and senior years
3.6	1.4	j. GRE General (Aptitude) Test verbal score
3.6	1.4	k. GRE General (Aptitude) Test quantitative score
3.6	3.6	e. Undergraduate major related to intended field of graduate study
3.5	3.3	d. Undergraduate grade-point average overall
3.0	2.8	i. Educational or career aspirations of applicant
3.0	2.7	f. Recommendation letters from faculty not known by members of your department
3.0	2.6	q. Applicant known by your faculty
2.9	2.8	r. Other academic achievements (papers, projects)
2.9	2.6	a. Quality of undergraduate institution
2.7	2.5	t. Personal statement on application form
2.7	2.3	s. Impression made in personal interview
2.6	2.4	u. Work experience
2.6	1.3	l. GRE General (Aptitude) Test analytical score
2.5	2.1	h. Other nonfaculty recommendations
2.5	1.6	m. GRE Subject (Advanced) Test score most appropriate to your program
1.9	1.9	p. Other test scores
1.9	1.4	n. GRE Subject (Advanced) Test score most appropriate to the applicant's undergraduate major
1.6	1.4	o. Particular subscores on the appropriate GRE Subject (Advanced) Test

Note. Criteria rated on scale from 1 (not used) to 5 (extremely important).