

12-WEEK LSAT STUDY PLAN



OVERVIEW

MONTH 1: FOUNDATION BUILDING

WEEK 1 General Research and Diagnostics

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WEEK 3 Deep Dive Into Logic Games

WEEK 4 Deep Dive Into Logical Reasoning

MONTH 2: SKILL REFINEMENT AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

WEEK 5 Deep Dive Into Reading Comp

WEEK 6 Practice Test & Targeted LR Problem Types

WEEK 7 Targeted LG Game Types

WEEK 8 Targeted RC Question Types & More of Your Weakest LG types

MONTH 3: FINAL REFINEMENT AND SIMULATION

WEEK 9 Targeted LR Problem Types & RC Question Types

WEEK 10 Practice Test & Focus on Weakest Section

WEEK 11 Practice Test & Focus on Questions Likely
To Appear on Your Test

WEEK 12 Final Refinement

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Study To-Dos

Tips from AccessLSAT

DAY

Research the LSAT on a very general level.

- Understand the section types, how long you have for each section, and the number of questions per section to get a sense of the test.
- Learn how the test is scored (ie. you aren't penalized for guessing).
- You don't have to study any material or techniques yet, but having a high-level understanding of the test will help you achieve a diagnostic score that is not affected by misunderstandings that can be very quickly resolved, like that you should spend about eight minutes per Logic Game.

If you're using a prep book, there is likely an introductory section about test logistics; this is a good time to review that. To supplement or replace a book, refer to free online resource. One useful free resource may be LSAT Clarity's article: "The 4 LSAT Sections: A Full Breakdown."

DAY 2

Take a timed diagnostic test.

 This is a "cold" test – you may already know a bit about the LSAT, but you haven't intentionally studied anything yet. This test will help you understand your starting spot, set goals, and know your strengths and weaknesses. You can use any real preptest for the diagnostic test. Good options for this test are:

- LSAC's free LSAT test from June 2007.
- Khan Academy's <u>diagnostic test</u>, which offers explanations while you're reviewing your test.

DAY

Review your diagnostic test.

- Review all your answers the ones you got right and the ones you got wrong to start to understand your strengths and weaknesses better.
- Use your score to refine your study plan. Is your time commitment going to allow you to reach your target score by your test date? Do you have all the resources you need?

DAY

Create a system for tracking your study data.

- Deciding now will help you have everything from your studying, start to finish, all in one place. Some options are:
 - PowerScore's Analytics Package, at about \$20 per month.
 - A cheaper option is AccessLSAT's <u>Study Data Tracker</u>, for a one-time price of \$10.
 - A third option is to make your own spreadsheet or document that works for you. You'll
 need to track, at the very least, the date, the section type you worked on, your score,
 and any notes about the particular question types or game type you struggled with.

DAYS 1 & 2

Study To-Dos

Strengthen your understanding of logical fundamentals.

- If you're using a book, review the section about Conditional Logic.
- If you're not using a book or want to supplement with video material, the following free videos are a great place to start. If you go this route, we recommend prioritizing the 7Sage videos, and moving to the LSAT videos if you have time.
 - 7Sage: Arguments
 - LSAT Lab: <u>How to Improve at LSAT: Dissecting</u>
 <u>Arguments</u>
 - LSAT Lab: Conditional Logic
 - LSAT Lab: <u>Causation</u>
- You can either supplement or replace the above videos with the free Khan Academy lessons linked below.
 These are more concise, but less comprehensive.
- Conditional logic for the LSAT.
- Conditional reasoning and logical equivalence.

Tips from AccessLSAT

There are many shorthand ways to denote logical arguments on the LSAT. Pay special attention to the strategies for writing logical arguments that are intuitive to you. Pick them early and stick with them to avoid confusion and to quickly advance past the early learning curve.

DAYS 3 & 4

Continue to study an introduction to logic.

- Book users: read an overview about Assumptions.
- Often, video tutorials cover Sufficient Assumptions and Necessary Assumptions as question types in the Logical Reasoning section. While these are question types, understanding these concepts will be helpful for all questions on the LSAT. So, it's helpful to start with these videos.
 - 7Sage: <u>Assumptions</u>
 - LSAT Lab: Sufficient Assumptions
 - LSAT Lab: <u>Necessary Assumptions</u>
- The following Khan Academy lessons are also relevant:
 - "If" versus "Only If"
 - Sufficiency versus Necessity

Study To-Dos Tips from AccessLSAT Dive into Logic Games types and techniques. While you overview, pay **DAYS** · Read the overview in your book, watch online videos, or attention to the quick 1 & 2 read free articles summarizing each of the following diagramming techniques. game types: Also pay attention to the ways to denote logical Sequencing Matching implications that feel Grouping intuitive to you. Continue to study Logic Games types and techniques. "Hybrid" games are a broad DAYS • Read the overview in your book, watch online videos, or category - so broad that some 3 & 4 read free articles summarizing each of the following have argued that they're not useful. While it may help to game types: Distribution get more specific down the Selection line as to what kind of hybrid Hybrid games you may struggle with, for now it is good to understand the "pure" games before studying games that require you to mix strategies. Practice timed Logic Games sections. Complete each game in each DAYS Like with Logical Reasoning, do 1-3 timed sections of LG practice section on its own 5 & 6 Logic Games each day, depending on how much time you side of a sheet of paper. (We have. recommend using graph • When you struggle with a game, watch free videos paper for practicing and explaining how to diagram the game and solve each taking the LSAT.) question. Velocity Test Prep has posted video explanations of every game in available prep tests. When you review your logic Take note of the game types and question types you games, write on them any struggle with. (Keep a list of/note on your tracker the major takeaways in a brightly-colored pen. (We call particular games or sections that you'll want to revisit.) this annotating your Logic Games.) File away any games from which you learned a lot so that you can review them

again later.

DAYS

Study To-Dos

Tips from AccessLSAT

Learn the basics / understand the Question Types for the Logical Reasoning section.

- Read the introduction to the section in your book, if you use one.
- Alternatively/supplementally, review Khan Academy's catalog of question types.
- 7Sage's Logical Reasoning Mini Course (free Youtube <u>Playlist</u>) is the most comprehensive video series on this section.

This is an area where it would make sense to keep detailed notes. Ideally, store them with you annotated Logic Games.

DAYS 3 & 4

Learn about Flaw Types for the Logical Reasoning Section.

- These flaw types (also called "logical fallacies") will help you with all sections of the test, but they're particularly relevant to the LR Section.
- If you're using a book, read its overview of the section.

 Do the drills as you come to them.
- If you're not using a book, or to supplement the book, you can:
 - Watch LSAT Lab videos: their <u>Comparison video</u> and <u>Rebuttal video</u> from LSAT Lab covers many different flaw types and how to answer questions about flaw types.
 - Reading this Khan Academy <u>article</u> about the flaw types.

Make flashcards for logical fallacies types and start to memorize them. We have <u>flashcard content</u> available on the website.

DAYS 5 & 6

Practice timed Logical Reasoning sections.

- Complete 2-3 timed Logical Reasoning practice sections.
 - While you're taking your timed sections, flag which questions you struggle with. If you're using LSAC LawHub Advantage, you'll be able to flag them in the interface.
 Otherwise, you can mark them on your paper.
- After each section, review in-depth the questions you got incorrect. Then review the ones you got correct, but struggled with. Also take a second look at the ones you did get correct to solidify that understanding, though spend less time on this.

Study To-Dos

Tips from AccessLSAT

DAY 1

Solidify new learning from the last 2 weeks.

- Note: In the past couple of weeks, you have been exposed to a lot of new content, and even new ways of thinking. The Logical Reasoning and Logic Games section are slightly different from Reading Comprehension; while RC takes practice, it is unlikely that you will have to pick up many entirely new skills in order to master it.
- To stay sharp on the skills from the other sections:
 - Complete 1-2 Logical Reasoning practice sections.
 - Complete 1-2 Logic Games practice sections.
- Be sure to carefully review your completed sections after you finish each one.

Introduce yourself to the Reading Comprehension section.If you're using a book, read an overview of the

- If you're using a book, read an overview of the Reading Comprehension section and an overview of each question type.
 - Consider completing any drills as you come to them.
- If you're not using a book, or to supplement your book, you can use <u>Khan Academy's free course</u> on Reading Comprehension.
 - Review the "Getting started with Reading Comprehension" lesson, as well as the lessons for each individual question type.

Whenever you're choosing practice sections to complete, make sure to spread out the numbers of the PrepTests you're pulling from. You wouldn't want to practice using all old tests (lower numbers), but at this point, you wouldn't want to use stricktly newer tests, either. If you prematurely exhaust the newer tests available to you, you won't have them available closer to your actual test. But if you don't look at them at all until late in your studying, you may be caught off-guard by how the test has changed over time.

You may consider researching alternative ways to approach the section. Maybe a non-traditional way happens to work really well for you, but unless you're seeing drastic improvements, stick with this approach:

- 1. Quickly skim the questions.
- 2. Read the passage thoroughly, and highlight on the platform.
- 3. Move through the questions, referencing the passage without re-reading it.

DAYS 4 - 6

DAYS

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Complete 2-6 Reading Comprehension practice sections.

• Take note of the passage types and question types you struggle with.

Try to blind review at least one of the practice sections on which you scored the worst. This will help you to know whether timing is the reason for your missed questions, or whether you were misunderstanding parts of the passage/how to approach the question types.

A blind review involves re-doing the questions you got incorrect on a test or sections of a test, this time without a time constraint. These results will help you determine whether your missed answers occurred because of your timing strategies/ability to complete questions quickly, or rather because of a more fundamental misunderstanding of the concepts.

	Study To-Dos	Tips from AccessLSAT
DAY 1	Take a full-length practice test	Try to set some goals before diving into the test. What have you learned from your blind review? Are there any timing strategies you want to commit to at this point? Briefly review any notes / annotated Logic Games and think about incorporating what you've learned into this test.
DAY 2	 Do a blind review of your practice test. While blind review involves re-doing the questions you got incorrect, also take some time to look at any questions you flagged as difficult while taking the tast. Briefly skim the questions you got right to solidify your understanding. 	 Good options for this test are: LSAC's free LSAT test from June 2007. Khan Academy's diagnostic test, which offers explanations while you're reviewing your test.
DAYS 3 & 4	Choose 2 Logical Reasoning question types that you struggle with the most, and target those question types. • Watch videos that explain the question types. • Drill the question types. Some resources that can help you find practice questions by question type are: • This LSAT Trainer guide. • Manhattan Review free practice question bank. • LSAT Hacks LSAT questions by type page.	If you're using AccessLSAT's Self-Analysis Template, you'll be able to see your weakest question types in the LR Analytics tab.
DAYS 5 & 6	Complete 2-4 Logical Reasoning practice sections. • After each section, review thoroughly.	

5 & 6

Study To-Dos **Tips from AccessLSAT** Deep dive into your weakest Logic Game types. If you're using AccessLSAT's DAYS • Identify 2 game types you struggle with the most. Find Self-Analysis Template, you'll 1 & 2 be able to see your weakest sections where those games appear, and do only the relevant game in the section. Try to complete 5 games of game types in the LG each of the problematic types. Analytics tab. • To find sections where those game types appear, use PowerScore's game classification resource. • Make sure you take between around 7-9 minutes to complete the games, understanding that you may take longer to complete this game type, and you'll have to compensate by being quicker for the other types that come easier to you. **DAYS** Complete 2-4 Logic Games practice sections. At some point, run through your Logical Fallacies Carefully review your sections, watching video 3 & 4 flashcards to stay sharp. explanations where helpful. There are likely ones that you • If you're annotating your games, continue to do so. know extremely well and less well. At this point, feel free to drop the ones you know extremely well from your study deck. **DAYS** Complete 2-4 Reading Comprehension practice sections.

Study To-Dos Tips from AccessLSAT • Complete 1-3 Logic Games practice sections. If you're using AccessLSAT's **DAYS** • Complete 1-3 Logical Reasoning practice sections. Self-Analysis Template, you'll 1 & 2 be able to see your weakest game types in the LG Analytics tab. DAYS At some point, run through Identify 2 more Logical Reasoning Question types that you 384 your Logical Fallacies struggle with, or choose to revisit your earlier selections. flashcards to stay sharp. • Watch videos on these question types. There are likely ones that you • Drill the question types. know extremely well and less Again, the resources to help you find practice by well. At this point, feel free to question type are: drop the ones you know • This LSAT Trainer guide. extremely well from your • Manhattan Review free practice question bank. study deck. • LSAT Hacks LSAT questions by type page.

DAYS 5 & 6

- **Reflect and plan.** Are you making progress on the question types you've struggled with before?
- If you have extra time this week, complete an extra 1-2 practice sections of your weakest section type and blind review those sections.
 - Take the time you spend blind reviewing to slow down, pay careful attention to detail, and feel more familiar with the section. Pick up on details you don't typically notice and remember to look for them when doing timed sections again later.

Study To-Dos

Tips from AccessLSAT

DAYS 1 & 2

Deep dive into Reading Comprehension question types you'd like to target.

- **Identify 2 question types** you struggle with the most in the RC section.
- Find and complete passages where your target question types appear. Do this by choosing a few tests at random and skimming through the questions for each passage. While you might prefer to complete the whole section to generate a score for that section, consider targeting just those passages where the question type comes up. This will concentrate your practice on what you really need to work on, causing you to work more efficiently.
 - A good target volume would be 4 passages that contain each target question type, or alternatively, 8 passages that contain both question types.

Instead of targeting question types, you may elect to target passage types. This is up to you. If you're targeting a passage type, use the same strategy - glancing at the passage to determine type, and completing only the relevant passages from the section - and still aim to complete 4 passages of each type.

DAY

Complete 1-3 full Reading Comprehension practice sections.

• Review the sections thoroughly after you take each one.

DAY

Deep dive into problematic Logic Games.

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- Identify 2 game types you struggle with the most. Search sections where those games appear, and do only the relevant game in the section.
 - Try to complete 5 games of each of the target game types.
- While your goal should be to take 7-9 minutes to complete the games, remember that you may take longer to complete this game type, and you'll have to compensate by being quicker for the other types that come easier to you.

DAY 5

To balance out your practice for the week, complete 1-2 Logical Reasoning practice sections.

• Review thoroughly.

	Study To-Dos	Tips from AccessLSAT	
DAY 1	Complete a full-length practice test under test conditions.	Before you take your test, review what LSAC has published about the acceptable conditions of your test space (for example, their overview page). Keeping the rules in mind, try to simulate how you'll prepare your space on the day. Limit yourself to only the materials permitted, like the number of sheets of paper you'll work with. (As a reminder, we recommend you use graph paper to study and for test day.)	
DAY 2	 Review your test with particular focus on the questions you answered incorrectly. Also revisit questions that you flagged while taking the test, but ultimately answered correctly. How did you make your final determination? 		
DAY 3	 Reflect on your test. Identify where you were weaker than you expected and stronger than you expected. Today, re-review the ones you answered correctly and did not flag. What allowed you to get them right? 		
DAY 4	Review your annotated Logic Games, or games you have marked for re-review. • Consider re-taking logic game sections that you scored poorly on the first time. This helps you solidify what you've learned about how to approach this game, and games like it. It also helps you build confidence in the progress you've made.	If you think it will help you, you can try taking notes summarizing what you've learned so far about Logic Games – major reminders to yourself, tips for quickly determining how to diagram, types of mistakes you frequently make, and how to avoid them, etc. This can motivate your review and help you solidify what you've learned from your practice.	
DAY 5	 Choose a section of the test you want to target. Complete 2-3 practice sections. Be sure you leave time to thoroughly review before moving to the next. Consult any materials you find helpful, like your book, videos, blogs, or anything you've made for yourself. 	 There are multiple ways to choose a section to target today. It may be: a section for which your progress has stagnated the section on which you score the lowest, in percentage terms a section where you think you have the most potential for improvement 	

Study To-Dos

Tips from AccessLSAT

DAY

Complete a full-length practice test under test conditions.

DAY

Review and analyze your test.

- Blind review if you think it will help you.
- Otherwise, it will suffice to do a thorough review of the questions you got wrong, followed by the questions you struggled with, and, if you have time, followed by a brief review of those you got right.

DAY 3

Check the predictions for your test from the Crystal Ball episode of the PowerScore

podcast. These podcasts are free to the public in between the release of the podcast and the test date it covers. It will recommend specific practice test sections similar to those they expect will appear on your test date, based on historical data and their analysis of the patterns tests typically follow.

 Work towards completing the recommended sections, games, or passages of your weakest section type. Review your results, focusing both on what you got Of course, the PowerScore podcast predicitons

may not be right. But, as you have seen from your practice, the LSAT has changed significantly over time. Even if these predictions aren't exactly accurate (though PowerScore has an excellent track record), this will turn your attention to those question types the test has favored recently/are likely to favor in your test. You've practiced a bit of everything already, so the extra practice - focusing on what is especially likely to come up - can't hurt.

DAY 4

Complete the remaining PowerScore recommended sections, games, or passages of your weakest section type that you think make the most sense for you.

• Continue to review your results, focusing both on what you got right and what you got wrong.

Study To-Dos

DAY Complete a few of the Powerscore podcast's recommended sections of the section type you feel second-most confident about.

DAY

Complete a few of the Powerscore podcast's recommended sections of the section type you feel most confident about.

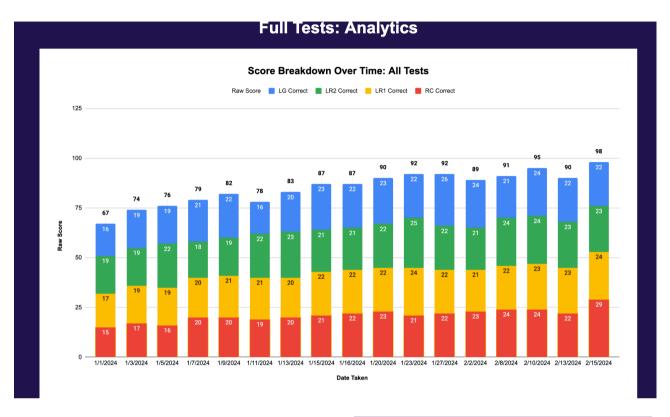
DAYS LEFT

ANY Rest and relax. If you feel like you need to do something, review your notes, annotated games, or re-do sections you struggled with.

TEST DAY

Good luck on your test! Stay calm, focused, and confident. Trust you have set yourself up for success through diligence preparation.

HOW CAN I TRACK MY PROGRESS?



While LSAT data analysis services are available from many platform, they are often costly, involving monthly fees and minimum subscription timelines. This low-cost alternative allows you to store your testing data, identify your weak spots, and track your LSAT study progress. Responsive charts and tools built into the template will help you make sense of your data to hone your practice. And, with all your raw data in one place and accessible to you, you can adapt the tracker to meet your particular needs.

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