

The LSAT: How can you effectively prepare for it?

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Recommended Resources

Essential Resource – LSAC: <https://www.lsac.org>

- Create an account with LSAC, which allows you to register for the LSAT (\$190) and to apply to law schools using their Credential Assembly Service (\$195 lasts for five years): <https://www.lsac.org/applying-law-school/jd-application-process/infographic>
 - **Fee Waivers** are available for both services but must be submitted **at least six before** the REGISTRATION Deadline of the LSAT you plan to take.
 - For students requesting disability **accommodations** on the LSAT, please read the information about disability accommodations: <https://www.lsac.org/lsat>. You should plan on registering for the LSAT AND submitting your accommodation request **at least four weeks BEFORE** the Registration Deadline in order to allow yourself time to submit any supplemental documentation requested by LSAC.
- Check the LSAC website for Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Take a timed Official LSAT Practice Test, which is crucial to establish your baseline score. RECOMMEND taking the LSAT Practice Test 6-8 months before you plan to take your real LSAT.

- Your baseline LSAT score will provide critical information regarding the amount of time needed for your LSAT prep. For example, if you plan to increase your score by 20+ points, you should expect to spend between 4-6 months preparing for the LSAT. However, if you want a score increase of eight points, you would need about 10-12 weeks of LSAT prep.
- Manhattan Prep provides a free official LSAT and proctor timer (that can be used for any Practice LSAT): <https://www.manhattanprep.com/lsat/resources/lsat-practice-test.cfm>
- Khan Academy offers the only different free official LSAT available: <https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat/intro>

Best LSAT self-study guides – First preview material from these study guides, and pick the one that works for you.

- Manhattan Prep LSAT (3 books - 1LR, 1LG, 1RC) w/ access to some additional online material (about \$40 each on Amazon). To save money, consider purchasing used earlier editions (like 2nd or 3rd) online. Although they are as helpful as the most recent 5th edition, you will lose access to the online material.
- The LSAT Trainer (1 book - LR, LG, RC) w/ free access to multiple study schedules and other great LSAT prep resources (\$50 on Amazon). Best to purchase along with a couple of volumes of 10, Actual Official LSAT Pretests (vol. V and VI most recent) by LSAC (about \$25 on Amazon). Go to the website [<http://www.thelsattrainer.com>] to access free chapters and see resources.
- Blueprint LSAT books (1 LG & 1 RC) w/ video explanations for each logic game in the book (LG book- about \$40 on Amazon/RC book- about \$50 on Amazon). The best logic games guide available.
- WARNING—whatever study guide you choose, make sure it uses official (LSAC released) LSAT practice questions and tests. Look for a © for LSAC on the copyright page or specific information for each question identifying the official Practice Test.

Best LSAT Prep Courses – Expensive courses include books, lessons, analysis and tons of practice questions and tests

- Blueprint LSAT [<https://blueprintlsat.com/lsat>] \$1699 for in-person course/\$599 for online course for 2 months
- TestMasters [<https://www.testmasters.net/lsat-prep-courses>] \$1650 in-person/live online course/\$1,150 for online course
- Manhattan Prep [<https://www.manhattanprep.com/lsat/>] \$1,599 in person/\$1,399 live online/\$599 online course
- UCSD Extension LSAT Intro [<https://extension.ucsd.edu/courses-and-programs/test-preparation>] \$500 in-person/UCSD students free
- Magoosh [<https://lsat.magoosh.com/plans>] \$129 online course comes with lots of study plans and schedules

FREE LSAT Prep Resources & Helpful blogs

- Khan Academy online LSAT prep: <https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat/intro>
- Manhattan LSAT forums: <https://www.manhattanprep.com/lsat/forums/> --good explanations for a lot LR Q's and LG's
- Seven Sage LG's explanations: <https://7sage.com/logic-game-explanations/>
- The LSAT Trainer Instructional blog: <http://www.thelsattrainer.com/instructional-blog.html>
- Blueprint [<https://blueprintlsat.com/lsatblog>] and Manhattan Prep [<https://www.manhattanprep.com/lsat/blog/>] have very useful (if somewhat biased) blogs to help navigate your LSAT studies.