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How to Use This 2 Month LSAT Study Plan

This two month LSAT study schedule involves a pretty serious time commitment. We've designed it so that you can get the maximum amount of material and review into two months.

With that in mind, **this 2 month LSAT study plan assumes you'll spend 3-4 hours a day, 4 days a week, on preparation**. This will not only help you cover all the materials you'll need to see before test day, but it'll also help you build up your stamina.

If you're balancing work and family obligations in addition to LSAT prep, this two month LSAT study schedule can still work for you! You can divide the tasks for each day over 1.5-2 days, though that won't give you a day off each week.

If that still requires more time commitment than you're able to give right now, that's okay! If you can, we'd suggest rescheduling your LSAT test date so that you have longer to prepare for the exam. If you can, follow a <u>three-month</u> or <u>six-month</u> plan.

Can You Study for the LSAT in 2 Months?

You may be wondering: is 2 months enough time to study for the LSAT? The answer is that it depends on where you are and where you want to be in terms of your scores.

In general, we recommend having *at least* 3 months to study, so a two month LSAT study plan puts you on an abbreviated schedule. If you don't have enough time to fully dedicate yourself to studying over the next eight weeks, you may want to consider signing up for a later administration of the LSAT, if possible.

That being said, we know life happens—we want you to achieve your goal, and so we've created the best possible study plan to help you get the work in in two months without burning you out!

The following two month LSAT study schedule will help you get the most out of your studying. The 2 month LSAT study plan is laid out for you week by week with a plan of attack for each study day.

If the number of days you have to study each week is a little more or less than four – that's okay! Focus on accomplishing all the tasks you have for that week in the time blocks you have to study. Take note of your four practice test days, though. You'll want to schedule time on your calendar to do those in one sitting.

Although you'll be dedicating lots of time to LSAT prep over these two months, you must get <u>8+ hours of sleep every night</u> during this two month LSAT study schedule, since memory encoding takes place in REM sleep.

If you're a Magoosh premium student, remember that you can contact our tutors with questions any time. They're always ready to help, so don't hesitate to reach out.

Essential Study Materials for the Two Month LSAT Study Plan



- Subscription to <u>Magoosh's online LSAT program</u>
 - In addition to hundreds of lessons and video explanations, a Magoosh LSAT subscription includes access to LSAC's Official LSAT Prep Plus, a library of over 70 official, digital practice tests!
 - $\circ~$ We recommend you use Magoosh and LSAT Prep Plus for all of

your practice, as the computer-based format will most closely mimic your actual test day experience. If you absolutely need a more economical option for official practice tests, you can purchase books of old official exams on LSAC's site or on Amazon.

- Free Official LSAT Practice Test with Full Explanations
- <u>Magoosh LSAT Blog</u>

Using Official LSAT PrepTests with the LSAT Crash Course

In the two month LSAT study schedule below, we sometimes recommend taking specific disclosed, previously-administered official exams, called PrepTests. If you've already taken the PrepTest recommended, no worries, sub in another!

As a general rule of thumb, take tests that are more recent (PrepTest 71 and above) during the two month LSAT study schedule as the LSAT does change subtly over time. However, some older PrepTests can be emblematic for certain Logic Games types. You can see our recommendations for Logic Games to practice with <u>here</u>.

Abbreviations used in this plan

- **LG** = Logic Games
- LR = Logical Reasoning
- **RC** = Reading Comprehension
- LSAT PP = LSAT Official Prep Plus account (bundled with Magoosh LSAT Prep)

• **PT** = PrepTest (an official released previously administered LSAT test)

Should I Complete LSAT Writing After My Two Month LSAT Study Plan?

The writing sample is administered separately from the core LSAT exam. However, it is a required component that law schools do read, and you'll need to take it in order to receive your LSAT scores.

When you are ready to prepare for the Writing sample (at any point in this two month LSAT study schedule when you have the time), we suggest you watch our two lessons on the Writing test: "<u>Intro to LSAT Writing</u>" and "<u>Attacking the LSAT</u> <u>Writing Prompt</u>" in Magoosh and practice writing a couple essays.

You can find one for free in the Magoosh lessons, another one on <u>Khan Academy</u>, and more in printed books of official LSAT exams.

If you are a Magoosh student and have concerns about the Writing test, please contact our Student Help team for support and resources!

The 2 Month LSAT Study Plan

Week One

*Note: An asterisk indicates that this resource is free to students with a free trial of Magoosh—<u>sign up here for a free trial</u>!

To access all of other lessons and practice, you will need to purchase a Magoosh account.

Day 1: Diagnostic Test and Review

Take the <u>June 2007 PT in Magoosh</u>. (Bonus: if you are not yet a Magoosh student, you can access it and full text and video explanations for FREE <u>here</u>.) Time each section precisely, and complete all the sections.

Note: Your practice tests will be 35 minutes shorter than the real exam because they will not contain an Experimental section. If you prefer to mimic the actual test conditions precisely, use one section from PT 70 (found in your LSAT PP account) during each practice test as an "Experimental" section.

After your practice test, check your answers and calculate your score. If you added an Experimental section, don't include that section in your score calculation. Also, don't try to review your incorrect answers just yet.

Day 2: Intro to Logic Games

LG: Watch all lessons in the "Section Scoring, Pacing, and Structure" section of the LG component of Magoosh's LSAT program. These include:

- <u>Intro</u> <u>*</u>
- <u>Scoring and Goal Setting</u> *
- Pacing Strategy *

• Game Structure

All of the lessons on Game Types

- <u>Global Question Types</u>
- Local Question Types

Day 3: Intro to Logic Games (continued)

Watch all of the "Formal Logic Basics" lessons and the first three lessons in the "Attacking the Games" section of LG. These lessons are titled:

- If/Then Statements and Contrapositives *
- <u>Alternate Forms of If/Then</u>
- <u>Compound Statements</u>
- <u>General Game Strategy</u> *
- <u>Sequencing Setup</u>**
- <u>Sequencing Questions</u>**

**The last two lessons will involve solving your first Sequencing game. Make sure to take the time to work this game out thoroughly.

Next, complete two or three sequencing games in the custom practice section of your online Magoosh account. Score the games and look over any incorrect answers.

Take a break before moving on to LR!

Day 4: Intro to Logical Reasoning

Watch all lessons in the "Section Pacing, Structure, and Strategy" section of the LR component of the Magoosh program. These include:

- Intro to LR *
- Pacing Strategy
- Question Structure
- Attacking the Questions I
- Attacking the Questions II

Take a break before watching the next lessons!

Watch the following LR lessons:

- <u>Necessary Assumption Questions I *</u>
- <u>Necessary Assumption Questions II</u>
- <u>Sufficient Assumption Questions</u>
- <u>Necessary vs. Sufficient Assumptions</u>
- Formal Logic and Assumption Questions
- <u>Strengthen Questions</u>
- <u>Weaken Questions and Causal Logic</u>

Each of these videos contains sample questions. Make sure to pause the videos and complete the questions thoroughly as the videos instruct.

Using "custom practice" in Magoosh, complete a total of 30 assumption, strengthen, and weaken LR questions. **Don't time yourself at this point** – just focus on your approach to the question. Score the questions, look over any incorrect answers, and set up your LR Error Log, where you'll keep track of all the questions you answer incorrectly.

Week Two

Day 1: Intro to Reading Comprehension

RC: Watch the following videos from the RC component of the Magoosh LSAT program:

- Intro to RC *
- <u>Reading Strategies</u>
- Annotating the Passages
- Detail Question I

Complete a few reading passages on LSAT PP, practicing the strategies discussed in these lessons.

Day 2: More Logical Reasoning

LR: Watch the following lessons from the LR component of Magoosh's LSAT program:

- Flaw Questions I
- Flaw Questions II
- Flaw Questions III
- Flaw Questions IV
- Flaw Questions V
- Inference Questions
- <u>Principle-Identify Questions</u>
- <u>Principle-Application Questions</u>
- Paradox Questions

Use custom practice in Magoosh to complete 15 questions for each of the following question types: Flawed Argument, Inference, Principle, and Paradox. Do these untimed so you can focus on how your approach differs for each question type.

Score the questions, look over any incorrect answers, and enter each of them into your LR Error Log.

Take a break before the final task of the day!

Use the remainder of the day to **review your diagnostic test from Week 1** and enter questions you missed from the RC and LR sections into your respective error logs.

Day 3: Logic Games Lessons and Practice

Watch the following videos from the LG component of the Magoosh LSAT program:

- Fixed Grouping Setup *
- Fixed Grouping Questions
- Floating Grouping Setup

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• Floating Grouping Questions

Complete around 10 Logic Games in your LSAT PP account from PTs 60-69. You can use our "Logic Games to Practice" resource for inspiration. Score the games, look over any incorrect answers.

Take a break before watching the next set of lessons.

Watch the following videos from the LG component of the Magoosh LSAT program:

- <u>Matching Setup</u>
- <u>Matching Questions</u>

Complete a few Matching games in your LSAT PP account. You can use our "Logic <u>Games to Practice</u>" resource for inspiration. Score the games, and look over any incorrect answers.

Day 4: LR Lessons and Practice

Watch the following videos from the LR component of the Magoosh LSAT program:

- <u>Role of Statement Questions</u>
- <u>Method of Reasoning Questions</u>
- Parallel Reasoning Questions
- Point of Contention Questions

Complete five practice questions through Magoosh custom practice for each of these question types. For each question, focus on applying a consistent approach rather than merely answering the question correctly.

For the last assignment of the day, enter any incorrect answers into your LR error log.

Week Three

Day 1: Reading Comprehension

Watch the following videos from the RC component of the Magoosh LSAT program:

- Detail Question II
- Inference Questions
- <u>Comparative Passages I</u>
- <u>Comparative Passages II</u>
- <u>RC Review and Study Tips</u>

Next, practice your approach to RC by completing a few passages through your online account. For each passage, annotate the <u>transitional language</u> and write down the author's main idea and purpose before moving to the questions. For each Comparative Reading passage, make sure to note the common scope of the passages and where the authors' perspectives differ within that scope. For the questions, think about whether you're being asked for detail, theme, or structure, and try to pick an answer choice that addresses the correct level of analysis. **Use the process of elimination aggressively**.

Score the sections, enter incorrect answers into your RC error log, and then take a break!

Day 2: Logical Reasoning Lessons and Practice

Learn about conditional, causal, and quantitative logic by watching the following lessons:

- 1. Introduction to Conditional Logic
- 2. <u>Conditional Logic I</u>
- 3. <u>Causal Logic I</u>
- 4. <u>Quantitative Logic I</u>

Complete 1 section of LR from any PT 60 through 69 in your Official Prep Plus account. For each question:

- 1. Note the question type
- 2. Apply a consistent approach by: reading the question first, then reading the argument, and finally paraphrasing an answer before reading the answer choices.

Finally, end the day by entering incorrect answers from these sections into your LR error log.

Day 3: Logic Games Lessons and Practice

Watch the following videos from the LG component of the Magoosh LSAT program:

- <u>Hybrid Sequencing/Matching Setup</u>
- <u>Hybrid Sequencing/Matching Questions</u>

Complete a few games from any PT 60 through 69 in your Official Prep Plus account, untimed. Score and review any questions you answered incorrectly. For any game where you missed more than 2 questions, take a few minutes to try and

redraw your diagrams and rules, making sure that you set the diagram up as simple and accurate, and that you didn't miss an opportunity for Limited Options or to incorporate rules directly into your diagrams.

Day 4: Logical Reasoning Lessons and Practice

Today, you'll get to learn more about conditional, causal, and quantitative logic. You'll also start doing timed practice for all three exam sections. Watch the following lessons:

- 1. <u>Conditional Logic II</u>
- 2. <u>Causal Logic II</u>
- 3. <u>Quantitative Logic II</u>

(*Note*: At the end of this week or beginning of next week, you'll take your second full-length practice test, so take a moment to block out time on your calendar.)

Take a break and then spend some time reviewing the concepts you've already learned, and attempting to tie it all together in some timed practice.

Complete one section of LR in custom practice in Magoosh. After the section, **score it and enter incorrect answers into your LR error log.**

Next, flip through the LG you have completed thus far this week. Identify whether there is a game type that consistently gives you more trouble than the others. If so, use your online practice problems to focus on that game type. Then, complete 4 games of Logic in custom practice in Magoosh (in practice mode). Attempt the games in the order you feel most confident by filtering based on game type, leaving for last the game type that you struggle with most. This approach will help you get the most points possible!

Next, analyze your RC error log to determine whether there is a particular type of passage or type of question that most challenges you. If so, plan to leave that passage type for the end, or plan to guess on a couple questions of that type. Then, complete 4 passages of RC from any PT 60 – 69 in your Official LSAT PP account.

Now, analyze your LR error log to determine which questions you struggle with most. Be on the lookout for those questions as you complete another 25 LR questions in custom practice in Magoosh.

Review incorrect answers on the Review screen in Magoosh and enter info into your error logs. Where did you make avoidable errors with content or pacing? Where did you discover content that was extremely difficult? Are you happy with the questions on which you guessed? Or would you change them given the chance?

Now go relax for a while. Schedule your practice test for when it makes the most sense for you: this weekend or the beginning of next week.

Week Four

Day 1: Practice Test #2

Under <u>test-like conditions</u>, **take official PT 80**, **timed**. (Or another practice test on Magoosh or on your LSAT PP account if you have already taken PT 80.)

After the test, score it, review your incorrect answers, and enter them into your RC and LR error logs. You can also start building a LG error log if you'd like. For a LG error log, you should record:

- Test number
- Section number
- Game number
- Question number
- Game type
- Question type (global vs. local)

A LG error log will help you identify which game types you struggle with most and how effectively you are building and reusing your diagrams. Those who miss mostly global questions may not be drawing detailed enough master diagrams. On the other hand, those who miss mostly local questions may be inaccurately redrawing diagrams between questions or applying local diagrams to other local questions where they are technically inapplicable.

Day 2: Review

- Map the transitional language, purpose, and main idea of at least 3 RC passages through your online account. Be sure to work on <u>reading the</u> <u>passages quickly</u>.
- Master the "If/then Statements" deck of <u>LSAT Flashcards</u> * and complete 10 games from the "Mini LG" deck.
- 3. Analyze your LR error log and determine which sphere is your weakest. Then, using your LSAT PP account, complete 25 LR questions.
- 4. Complete one section of LG, LR, and RC untimed in your LSAT PP account, answering every question.
- 5. Review these three sections, identifying which question types are from each section that gave you the most difficulty. Rewatch the applicable lesson for those question types if necessary, or use Magoosh's online LSAT practice to target a small handful of practice problems of those

question types.

Day 3: Comprehensive timed practice

- 1. Complete all the sections of **PT 79**, *timed*. You do not need to do this all at once, as this is not a full-length practice test. Break it up, take it slowly, and review each section thoroughly (entering incorrect answers into your error log) before beginning the next section.
- 2. Score and review the section, entering questions into your error logs where applicable.

Day 4: Take a break!

You deserve a break!

It was a big week of a practice test and timed practice. Spend some downtime with an activity you enjoy – or if you absolutely must – return to your practice test and rework games and questions that you struggled with. Review lessons associated with these questions.

Week Five

Day 1: Review

- Master the "Logical Opposites" deck of <u>LSAT Flashcards</u> * and complete 10 more games from your LSAT PP account.
- 2. Use the Magoosh's LSAT program to complete 25 LR questions from your weakest question types.
- 3. Complete one LR section, and the LG section and RC section untimed from PT 77, answering every question.
- 4. Like you did the previous day, review these three sections and identify the question type from each section that gave you the most difficulty. Rewatch the lessons for those question types if necessary, or complete a handful of those question types from the Magoosh online practice problems.

Day 2: Timed Practice

Complete all the sections of **PT 78**, *timed*. You do not need to do this all at once, as this is not a full-length practice test. Break it up, take it slowly, and review each section thoroughly (entering incorrect answers into your error log) before beginning the next section.

Day 3: Review

- 1. Map the transitional language, purpose, and main idea of at least two passages through your online account.
- 2. Master the "Transitional Language" deck of LSAT Flashcards * and

complete another 5 games from your LSAT PP account

3. Complete 25 LR questions from among your strongest question types through your online Magoosh account. This is to reinforce your strengths and make sure you don't forget how to handle these question types while focusing on other content.

Day 4: Timed Practice

 Complete all the sections of PT 73, timed. You do not need to do this all at once, as this is not a full-length practice test. Break it up, take it slowly, and review each section thoroughly (entering incorrect answers into your error log) before beginning the next section.

The next day of this two month LSAT study schedule suggests a practice test. You can take it this weekend or the beginning of next week. If you are feeling burned out, instead of taking a full-length practice test, you can do the review work on Week 6, Day 1 instead.

Week Six

Day 1: Practice Test #3, or More Review

You have a choice this day: take another practice test of your choosing, or if you are feeling a little rundown, instead of a full-length test, do the individual sets of review and practice listed below:

1. Complete 20 games from the "Mini Logic Games" deck of LSAT

Flashcards. *

- 2. Complete a LR, LG, and RC section untimed from those remaining from PTs 71 and 72. Be sure to answer every question.
- Review these three sections, identifying which question type from each section gave you the most difficulty. Rewatch any applicable lessons, and complete a handful of questions of those types from the Magoosh online practice problems.

Day 2: Timed Practice

 Complete a LR, LG, and RC section timed either in your Magoosh account or LSAT PP. Be sure to answer every question. For any game types or question types that are giving you trouble, rewatch the applicable lessons.

Day 3: Review

- 1. Complete any remaining <u>LSAT Flashcards</u> * and review as necessary.
- 2. Complete all of the remaining RC questions. Focus on your approach and identify which question types give you the most difficulty.
- 3. Rewatch the applicable lesson for those question types if necessary.

Day 4: Practice Test Completion

Complete all the sections of **any practice test you have not yet done in Magoosh or in your LSAT PP account** *timed***. You do not need to do this all at** once, as this is not a full-length practice test. Break it up, take it slowly, and review each section thoroughly (entering incorrect answers into your error log) before beginning the next section.

Week Seven

Day 1: Review

This week will be your last chance to really dive into test content. Later this week, you'll take your final practice test and then you'll spend the week before the real exam reviewing and resting.

Note: your second day of review this week will look similar to today. You can break it up by either tackling 1-2 sections today and 1-2 sections on the next day. Or you can tackle all of the sections on both days: reviewing, working on weaknesses, and building confidence by practicing your strengths.

Start today off by diving into your error logs and your scores from this week's timed sections. **Identify 2 skills you would like to focus on from each section.** These skills could be specific question types, or they could be more general skills like pacing or identifying difficult problems.

Rewatch the lessons that are most closely related to each of those skills. Then, **write down a list of concrete ways to address each of those skills.** If you have problems with process of elimination, a solution might be to recite common trap answer choices in your head to help you spot one. If you have problems with Assumption questions, you might want to ask yourself, "If this answer choice were false, would the conclusion still be true?" If so, that's not the correct answer. Come up with at least one method of addressing each skill on your list.

Next, go back to your error log and work through as many of the problems on it as possible. This is your chance to revisit questions with which you struggled previously, and to apply your new methods and habits to them. This may be a frustrating process because *you will only be tackling the questions you have missed in the past.* Don't get discouraged. Instead, remember that every question you get right the second time around is one you are unlikely to miss the next time you see something similar to it.

Finally, end the day with a few easy questions. Pick your strongest type of Logic Game, do a few LR questions from early in a section, and do one RC passage that you actually find interesting. End the day on a high note.

Day 2: Review

This study day should look similar to your first study this week. As mentioned in the previous day, you can either spend time on the sections you didn't tackle the first day, or do another round of review of all sections.

Day 3: Practice Test #4

Find a quiet space where you won't be interrupted and take **any official PT you have not yet taken in either your Magoosh or LSAT PP account timed**. Don't worry about reviewing your results immediately following the test. Go do something enjoyable and restful. You'll be diving into your test results on the next study day when you are fresh.

Day 4: Review Practice Test

Analyze your practice test results. **Look for patterns in your results** where you missed a bunch of questions in a row or where you didn't perform the way you expected. Examine those areas to determine whether the problem was the result of:

- truly difficult content,
- a lapse in focus,
- poorly executed methods, or
- lack of time.

Practice tests are like dress rehearsals. You're trying to make things go wrong so that you can fix them before the real performance. If you notice that you made preventable mistakes on this practice test (those caused by anything other than truly difficult content), write down those mistakes along with a plan to avoid them on the real test day.

For example, if you know you lost focus halfway through a LR section, you can write down a solution like, "When I lose focus, I will put my pencil down, close my eyes, breath deeply three times, and then recite my goals and strategies for this test section. Then I can resume working on the next question using the appropriate step by step method."

If timing was your issue, you could address it with the following solution: "If I am falling behind my pace because I am stuck on a question, I will mark the question and skip it, increase my allowed number of guesses by 1, and then return to that question at the end only if time allows."

Review lessons and explanations relevant to the questions you missed.

Create a plan for final studying and preparation early next week that gives you more breathing space as you approach test day.

Finally, consider if you should adjust your goal for the test. You will perform better if you are confident about achieving a reasonable goal then if you are stressed about not achieving an unrealistic one.

Week Eight

Day 1: Final Tweaks

Review your notes from last week's practice test and game plan. Then, practice one full timed section of LG, LR, and RC, keeping everything you've learned in mind. If you've made a plan to only do 3 out of the 4 Logic Games, for example, stick to that plan. Try to execute everything as you would imagine doing it on the test.

Review your answers to these sections.

Repeat the process once more, doing another timed section of LG, LR, and RC, and reviewing your answers.

Day 2: Test Day Review

You have one and only one LSAT assignment for today: **review your methods**, **strategies**, **and test day procedures** from the two month LSAT study schedule. Make sure you can easily remember each of the following:

- Your overall score goal for the exam, and roughly how many questions you need to answer correctly to reach it,
- How many questions you aim to answer correctly in each section,
- How many questions you are allowed to guess on in each section,

- What the different question, game, and passage types are for each section,
- Which question, game, and passage types are your strengths and which are your weaknesses,
- What to do if you panic or lose focus,
- How to get to the test center and what to bring to the test center, if you are taking the in-person LSAT. -OR- What you need to prepare in your space and are allowed to have with you, if you are taking the <u>remote LSAT</u>.

If you can easily recite the answers to all of these questions, **you are prepared to do your best on this exam** given your current mastery of the content. So, once you've got the above stuff memorized, go relax. You've earned it!

Day 3: Test Day!

It's test day, which means no last-minute prep! Do some light exercise, eat well, and give yourself plenty of time to get to the test center if you are taking the in-person LSAT. Make sure your at-home setup is ready to go, and double-check your tech and internet bandwidth if you are taking the remote LSAT.

Review your list of last-minute pointers one to two hours before the test, so you are feeling confident that you've put the work in during this two month LSAT study schedule and are ready to show it!