2-Month Study Schedule for the New 2024 LSAT

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- A study plan to help you substantially improve your LSAT score
- Free LSAT flashcards and a study timer
- Video lessons on key LSAT topics

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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 2-3 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. You can find <u>all of our study schedules here</u>.

Can You Study for the LSAT in 2 Months?

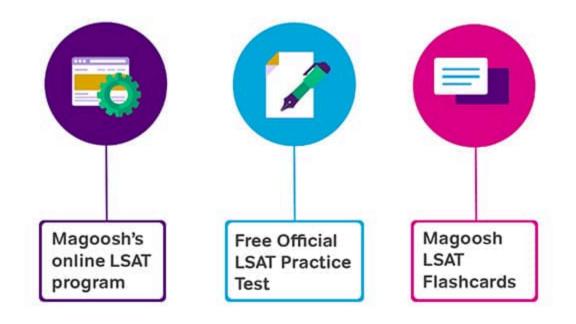
You may be wondering whether 2 months is enough time to study for the LSAT? The answer is that it depends on where you are and where you want to be in terms of your scores.

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 accomplished within 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. If you're a Magoosh premium student, remember that you can always reach out with lesson questions by clicking on the purple chat icon, which is located at the lower right side of your screen. You should receive an answer within 24-48 hours of submission.



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 <u>LSAC's LawHub Advantage</u>. Anyone who purchases an LSAT prep program that uses official LSAT content (like Magoosh) must also purchase LawHub Advantage. The fee goes to LSAC and grants students access to its library of official LSAT practice tests.
- For this schedule, you do not need to log in to LawHub Advantage to access its bank of practice tests. All those tests are available directly through the Practice Tab of your Magoosh Dashboard.

- We recommend you use Magoosh 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. For information on how to map those old PrepTests' sections to the new PrepTests, check out this LSAT <u>PrepTests Mapping Guide</u>.
- Free Official LSAT Practice Test with Full Explanations
- Magoosh LSAT Flashcards
- <u>Magoosh LSAT Blog</u>

Using Official LSAT PrepTests with the LSAT Two-Month Schedule

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 140 and above) during the two month LSAT study schedule as the LSAT does change subtly over time.

Tests reserved for full-length exams:

• For reference, this study schedule has you take 6 full-length practice tests. Here are those test numbers:

PT 123 PT 141 PT 146 PT 147 PT 153 PT 154

Curated sets of practice questions:

• Additionally, this study schedule has several curated sets of questions that have been assembled from the following tests:

PT 145 PT 148 PT 151

To avoid running into repeat questions, try to avoid these test numbers in your custom or additional practice sessions.

Abbreviations and Other Phrasing Used in This Plan

- **LR** = Logical Reasoning
- **RC** = Reading Comprehension
- **PT** = PrepTest (an officially released, previously administered LSAT test)
- **Curated Practice** = predetermined sets of questions that directly relate to the lessons in a study session, which you will access through the links provided in this plan.
- **Custom Practice** = question sets you access and build through the Practice tab on the Magoosh Dashboard's navigation bar.

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: "Intro to LSAT Writing" and "Attacking the LSAT Writing Prompt" 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.

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 the other lessons and practice, you will need to purchase a Magoosh account.

Day 1: Diagnostic Test

Take <u>Test #123.</u> (Bonus: if you are not yet a Magoosh student, you can access it and full text explanations for FREE <u>here</u>.) Time each section precisely, and complete all the sections.

Frequently Asked Question: Can I skip the experimental section when I take a full-length practice test?

Answer: We advise against doing so. <u>Practice tests are the most beneficial when</u> <u>they mimic the actual testing experience as closely as possible.</u> For the LSAT, this means sitting through an additional, unscored 35-minute section. That's what you'll have to do on test day, and you'll want to be as familiar as possible with how that feels as well as build up your test-taking stamina.

Day 2: Setting up the Essentials

Start here:

- Review LSAC's About the LSAT
- Error Log Demo*
- Build your own error log and add questions from yesterday's diagnostic
- Score your test, but save your analysis and review for next session.

Day 3: Review is a Necessary Part of Study

It's time to put your error log to good use. You'll be using it throughout this study plan. Today, you are going to do your first in-depth review analyzing the questions you added to your error log during your previous session. For each question you entered into your log do the following:

- Try to determine and make note of why you missed the question
- Read any related text explanations and watch any related video explanations
- Watch any recommended lesson videos (don't worry about watching them out of order)
- Be aware of any trends that help you identify your strengths and weaknesses.



Week Two

Day 1: Intro to Logical Reasoning

- Intro to LR*
- Pacing Strategy
- Question Structure

- Attacking the Questions I
- Strengthen Questions
- Weaken Questions and Causal Logic

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

Curated Practice: Do the <u>Drill: LR Strengthen and Weaken (10 Qs)</u> to complete a total of 5 strengthen and 5 weaken LR questions. **Don't time yourself at this point** —just focus on your approach to the questions. When finished, check your work and add any incorrect questions to the LR section of your Error Log. Unless you only missed 1-2, save the more in-depth analysis and review for the start of your next session.

Day 2: Into to Reading Comprehension

• Error Log: Analysis & Review of the 10 LR practice questions from last session

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

- Intro to RC*
- Reading Strategies
- Annotating the Passages
- Detail Question I

Curated Practice: Do the <u>Drill: RC Two Passages Set A (12 Qs)</u>, practicing the strategies discussed in these lessons. **Don't time yourself at this point** —just focus on your approach to the questions. When finished, check your work and add any incorrect questions to the RC section of your Error Log. Unless you only missed 1-2, save the more in-depth analysis and review for the start of your next session.

Day 3: Logical Reasoning

• Error Log: Analysis & Review of the two RC practice passages from last session

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

- Necessary Assumption Questions I
- Necessary Assumption Questions II
- Sufficient Assumption Questions
- Necessary vs. Sufficient Assumption Questions
- Formal Logic and Assumption Questions

Curated Practice: <u>Drill: LR Assumption (10 Qs)</u>. Do these untimed so you can focus on how your approach differs for this question type. Follow the same guidelines for review that were established in days one and two.

Day 4: Logical Reasoning

• Error Log: Analysis & Review of the 10 Assumption practice questions from last session

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
- Process of Elimination*

Curated Practice: <u>Drill: LR Flaws (10 Qs)</u>. Do these untimed so you can focus on how your approach differs for this question type.



Week Three

Day 1: Logical Reasoning

• Error Log: Analysis & Review of the 10 Flawed practice questions from last session

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

- Principle Identify Questions
- Principle Application Questions
- Inference Questions
- Paradox Questions

Curated Practice: <u>Drill: LR Inference, Principle, and Paradox (14 Qs)</u>. Do these untimed so you can focus on how your approach differs for each question type.

Day 2: Reading Comprehension

• **Error Log:** Analysis & Review of the 14 mixed practice (Principle, Inference, and Paradox) questions from last session.

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

- Detail Questions II
- Inference Questions
- Comparative Passages I

• Comparative Passages II

Curated Practice: Do <u>Drill: RC Two Passages Set B (12 Qs)</u>, practicing the strategies discussed in these lessons.

Level up your practice for these two passages by annotating any transitional language and writing down the author's main idea and purpose before moving to the questions. For the 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**.

Day 1: Logical Reasoning

• Error Log: Analysis & Review of the two reading passages from last session.

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

- Role of Statement Questions
- Method of Reasoning Questions
- Parallel Reasoning Questions
- Point of Contention Questions
- Conclusion Questions

Curated Practice: Do the <u>Drill: LR Mixed Practice (12 Qs)</u>, which is a blend of the following question types: Role of Statement, Method of Argument, Parallel Reasoning, Point of Contention, and Conclusion/Inference questions. Do these untimed so you can focus on how your approach differs for each question type.

Day 4: Practice Test #1

Take full official PT 141, **timed**. (Or another practice test if you have already taken all or part of PT 141.)



Week Four

Day 1: Practice Test and Curated Practice Review

Score your test and open your error log for a deep-dive review of Practice Test #141 and the 12 questions from your last LR curated practice session.

Day 2: Logical Reasoning

Level up your LR sections skills by learning about conditional, causal, and quantitative logic by watching the following lessons:

- 1. Introduction to Conditional Logic
- 2. Conditional Logic I
- 3. Causal Logic I
- 4. Quantitative Logic I

Custom Practice: In your Magoosh account, select Custom Practice and start a Practice Session. Select Logical Reasoning (be sure to avoid the tests mentioned in the <u>Materials section</u>), select all subjects, and choose 15 minutes as a time limit.

- 1. Note the question type
- 2. Apply a consistent approach by: reading the question first, then reading the argument, and paraphrasing an answer before reading the answer choices.
- 3. When finished, note how many questions you were able to answer.

- 4. If your goal is to answer every LR question, you have to stick pretty close to 1 minute and 20 seconds per question.
- 5. **Error Log:** Analysis & Review of the questions you missed during this timed drill.

Note: If you have already worked through the PTs available in Custom Practice, here's another option: From the dashboard's Practice Tab, select Practice Section, and choose a Logical Reading section from PTs 130-139. If time allows, feel free to do the entire section; however, you certainly do not have to do the entire section.

Day 3: Reading Comprehension

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

- Main Point Questions
- Primary Purpose Questions
- Structure Questions
- Reading Comprehension Review and Study Tips

Custom Practice: In your Magoosh account, select Custom Practice and start a Practice Session for two or more reading passages. Try to avoid sections from tests you've already done, and the tests mentioned in the <u>Materials section</u>. You can use the dashboard to set a time if you'd like. But, for reading, you might find it better to track the time yourself. You have about 8-9 minutes to complete a passage and all its questions if you hope to complete the entire Reading Section within the 35 minutes the LSAT allots.

Note: If you have already worked through the PTs available in Custom Practice, here's another option: From the dashboard's Practice Tab, select Practice Section, and choose a Reading section from PTs 130-139. If time allows, feel free to do the entire section; however, you certainly do not have to do the entire section.

Error Log: Analysis & Review of the reading questions you missed during this drill.

Day 4: Logical Reasoning & Reading Comprehension

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

- 1. Conditional Logic II
- 2. Causal Logic II
- 3. Quantitative Logic II

Custom Practice: In your Magoosh account, select Custom Practice and start a Practice Session. Select Logical Reasoning, select all subjects, and choose 15 minutes as a time limit with a goal of completing at least 12 questions. Or, if you want even more practice, go ahead and complete an entire LR section.

As mentioned above, if you've exhausted the PTs listed in Custom Practice, in your dashboard, navigate over to Practice \rightarrow Practice Section for additional content.

Once you complete the above practice:

Error Log: Analysis & Review of the reading questions you missed during this drill.



Week Five Day 1: Error Log Deep Dive & Practice **Error Log Deep Dive & More Practice:** Analyze your entire 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 two or more passages of RC from any test (except those reserved for full-length tests, curated practice, or that you've completed before) through the dashboard. As you work the passages, do the following: Map the transitional language, purpose, and main idea of these passages. Be sure to work on reading the passages quickly

Next, Analyze your LR error log and determine which question type(s) are your weakest. Rather than practice more of these questions, go back and review the lessons associated with them and then reattempt a few questions that you missed in previous practice sessions.

Day 2: Practice Test #2

Take full official PT 146, **timed**. (Or another practice test through the dashboard if you have already taken all or some sections of PT 146.)

Day 3: Practice Test Review

• Score your test and open your error log for a deep-dive review of Practice Test #146

Day 4: Flex Day

Review, Practice or Catch-up: Use this time in whatever capacity best suits where you are in your prep journey. Consider these options:

- Spend some quality time with your error log. Revisit (maybe redo a few) missed questions and review their associated lessons.
- Do more practice and review, avoiding tests that you've seen before or will see in the coming weeks.
- If you are feeling a bit behind schedule, use this as an opportunity to get caught up or closer to caught up.



Week Six

Day 1: Practice Test #3

Take full official PT 153 timed. (Or another practice test if you have already taken PT 153.)

Day 2: Practice Test Review

• Score your test and open your error log for a deep-dive review of Practice Test #153.

Consider the following:

When analyzing your practice test, **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 close my eyes, breathe 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 one, and then return to that question at the end only if time allows."

Day 3: More Practice Part I

Complete 1/2 of PT 147. Do two timed sections today. It doesn't matter which two you do. You'll do the other two tomorrow.

Day 4: More Practice Part II

Finish PT 147.



Week Seven

Day 1: Ramped-Up Review

Note: your second day of review this week will look similar to today. You can break however you'd like. The easiest way might be two sections today and two sections tomorrow. The focus will be reviewing, working on weaknesses, and building confidence by practicing your strengths.

Start today off by diving into your error logs and your scores from PT 147. **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 the 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 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 day this week. As with the previous day, you can either spend time on the sections you didn't tackle then, or do another round of review of all sections.

Day 3: Practice Test #4

Take full official PT 154, timed. (Or another practice test if you have already taken all or part of PT 154.)

Day 4: Review Practice Test 154

Score your test and analyze your practice test results and enter them in your error log.

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 than 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, go to your dashboard to **practice one full timed section of LR and RC**, keeping everything you've learned in mind. 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 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 and passage types are for each section
- Which question 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 LSAT at home.

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!



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. 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 and are ready to show it!

Finally, congratulations! You've made it! 🥳