1-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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Introduction

We certainly don't advise our students to take the LSAT after prepping for only one month. But we understand that life happens, and many students find themselves a month away from the test without an effective study plan. Magoosh has your back! Our One-Month Study Plan tells you exactly what you'll need, including official LSAT PrepTests and Magoosh's online video lessons. With the right plan and a lot of hard work, you can substantially improve your LSAT score in one month. Check out all of our study schedules here.

The LSAT is a very difficult exam. To perform well, most students need at least 3 to 6 months of prep, and some students need even more time than that. But if you're registered to take the LSAT in one month and you're not prepared, it's better to work hard for a month than waste the opportunity. **But let's be clear:**One month is enough time to *improve* your LSAT score, but not enough time to *maximize* your score. To show any improvement in a month, you'll need to be disciplined and dedicate 4–5 hours a day, 5–6 days a week. Use this one-month LSAT study schedule to get up to speed quickly and build confidence for test day.

Quick note: Your LSAT score is one of the <u>top deciding factors in law school</u> <u>admissions</u>, so be sure you give yourself sufficient time to study. If you don't have enough time to dedicate to studying over the next month, you may want to consider signing up for a later administration of the LSAT to allow yourself adequate time to prepare.

If you have the time to prepare over the next four weeks, here's a plan that will help you get the most out of your study time. The schedule is laid out for you



week by week and includes primary goals and a game plan for each week. The game plan sets out which Magoosh lessons to watch, the estimated time for each lesson, and when to take practice exams and do practice problems.

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.

This is **the study plan to get your best <u>LSAT score</u>**—the first step in getting into your dream school!

Let's get started.

Essential Study Materials

- Subscription to <u>Magoosh's online LSAT program</u>.
 In addition to hundreds of lessons and text 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.
- You do not need to login to LawHub Advantage to access its bank of practice tests. All those tests are available 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.
- Free Official LSAT Practice Test with Full Explanations



- Magoosh LSAT Flashcards
- Magoosh LSAT Blog

Abbreviations and Other Phrasing Used in This Plan

- LR = Logical Reasoning
- **RC** = Reading Comprehension
- **PT** = PrepTest (an officially released, previously administered LSAT test)

Using Official LSAT PrepTests with the LSAT Crash Course

In this 1-Month LSAT Crash Course, we 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) as the LSAT does change subtly over time.

One-Month LSAT Study Schedule

Week 1

This week is all about learning the basic LSAT strategies and kicking off your studying effectively and efficiently.

Primary Goals

• Take a diagnostic exam to determine your starting point.



- Build your error log
- Set out your LSAT study schedule.
- Begin learning Magoosh-recommended approaches.

Game Plan

• Take diagnostic LSAT PT 123 under test-like conditions, ideally in a quiet space where you'll have at least three hours of uninterrupted time. Of course, if you've already taken all or part of PT 123, you can select a different PT through your Magoosh dashboard.

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 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.

After you complete your diagnostic exam:

- Figure out your baseline score to get a better understanding of where you're starting from, and if you haven't already, to set a goal score.
- Whatever you do, don't worry about your score at this point. Instead, focus on areas of improvement. Those areas are where you should focus your efforts to see your greatest point gains.
- To help you find your weakest areas, utilize an error log. Check out this <u>Error Log Demo</u> to learn how to build out this incredibly useful tool.



Build your own error log

Once you have your error log ready for input, you are going to do your first in-depth review. Add all the questions you missed on PT 123 and then go back to analyze the questions. 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.

Next up:

• **Determine your LSAT study schedule.** With only four weeks to go, you should study for at least 4–5 hours, 5–6 days a week. Schedule your study time on your calendar now and put your goal score and dream school at the top. Keep that motivation front and center.

Watch the following lesson videos:

Logical Reasoning:

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



- Strengthen Questions
- Weaken Questions and Causal Logic
- Introduction to LR Conditioning Logic
- Quantitative Logic I

Reading Comprehension

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

Practice:

- Aim for 1–2 hours of practice problems daily and at least an hour of reviewing the answers (using your error log) each day. Be sure to practice questions from each section, but don't worry about timing yet.
- **Start reviewing your Magoosh flashcards.** These will help set the foundation for your studying.



Week 2

This week you'll focus on better understanding the Magoosh strategies to improve your accuracy on every section of the LSAT.

Primary Goals

- Master the Magoosh strategies.
- Complete 2–3 hours of practice problems a day.
- Review Magoosh flashcards for 30 minutes a day.

Game Plan

- Aim for 1 hour of practice problems daily and at least one hour of using your error log to review the answers. Be sure to practice questions from each section, but don't worry about timing yet; we'll focus on pacing starting in Week 4.
- **Watch Magoosh lessons** to set up your foundation for each of the LSAT sections. This week you'll want to watch:

Logical Reasoning Lessons:

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



- Conditional Logic I
- Conditional Logic II
- Quantitative Logic I
- Quantitative Logic II

Reading Comprehension Lessons: Performing well on Reading Comprehension requires a plan of attack for each question type. To begin developing the necessary skills, watch the following:

- Detail Questions II
- <u>Inference Questions</u>
- Main Point Questions
- Primary Purpose Questions
- Structure Questions

Practice:

Complete problems for every section, placing special emphasis on your weaker area(s). Every day, complete at least two timed sections through your dashboard and always include one from your weakest area.

• Score your results and take the time to review all of your answers. Remember, only by reviewing the answer choices can you understand why you got an answer right or wrong. That information is crucial to improving your score. You've got to know how you got to the right answer so you can repeat that approach on the real LSAT!



• Study your Magoosh flashcards at least 30 minutes a day!

Week 3

You're two weeks into studying. By now you should have a handle on the foundational Magoosh strategies for each section, so this week your focus will be on pacing.

Primary Goals

- Increase speed, accuracy, and stamina.
- Shift your focus to pacing by timing all your sections.
- Assess progress with a full-length LSAT PT.

Game Plan

- Schedule a long block of time and take another practice test. We suggest PT 148, but if you have already completed all or part of that exam, no worries! You just need to sub in a different test. Score your test and do an in-depth analysis and review all the answers, even the ones you got right. Add the incorrect answers to your error log and look for patterns. Don't be discouraged if your score isn't what you were hoping for; there's still more studying ahead!
- Watch Logical Reasoning Lessons:
 - Flaw Questions and Logical Flaws I
 - Flaw Questions and Logical Flaws II
 - Flaw Questions and Logical Flaws III



- Flaw Questions and Logical Flaws IV
- Flaw Questions and Logical Flaws V
- **■** Conclusion Questions
- <u>Inference Questions</u>
- Causal Logic I
- Principle-Identify Questions
- Principle-Argument Questions

Practice:

Aim to complete two *timed* sections of practice problems every day this week, focusing on using the test-taking strategies you've learned. And as you've done the last two weeks, use your error log to review your answers thoroughly.



Week 4

The final week of study is here! 😀

Primary Goals

- Increase testing stamina through longer practice sessions.
- Watch final Magoosh lessons.
- Relax and get ready for test day.

Game Plan

- Watch Logical Reasoning Lessons: You'll deepen your knowledge of causal, quantitative, and conditional logic and have a chance to test your skills through a few drills. And you get to learn the last few types of LR questions!
 - Paradox Questions
 - Role of Statement Questions
 - Method of Reasoning Questions
 - Parallel Reasoning Questions
 - Point of Contention Questions
 - Causal Logic II
 - Quantitative Logic III
 - Conditional Logic III
 - Conditional Logic IV: Symbolizing Drill



- Conditional Logic V: Symbolizing Drill
- Watch Reading Comprehension Lessons: You have one more topic to study for Reading Comprehension: Comparative Passages. Then you can review RC strategies and study tips.
 - Comparative Passages I
 - Comparative Passages II
 - RC Review and Study Tips

Practice:

Take three timed practice sections in a row—you can either do one of each section of the LSAT or pick two sections of a particular type you want to focus on your last week. Taking three sections in a row will help you increase your stamina for test day. When everyone else is fading, you'll still be going strong!

Final Day of Study:

First, GREAT JOB! You've put in a lot of hard work. Your last task is to read through One Day Till the LSAT and check off everything on the list to prepare for tomorrow. Then, relax. Get outside. Watch a movie. **The most important thing you can do now is let your brain relax.** Get some good sleep so you can do your best tomorrow!

From all of us here at Magoosh, good luck!

