30-Hour Essentials Study Plan for the New 2024 LSAT

Hello future lawyer! Before you get started, you'll want to take about six minutes to check out our **30-Hour LSAT Essentials Overview** video. If you'd like to give feedback or have questions, we'd love to hear from you! Email us anytime: help@magoosh.com. If you're interested in a different study schedule, you can find all of our study schedules here.

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.

Tests reserved for full-length exams:

- For reference, this study schedule has you take 3 full-length practice tests. Here are those test numbers:

  PT 140   PT 147   PT 153

Curated sets of practice questions:

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

  PT 141   PT 145   PT 146   PT 148   PT 151

Unit 1 - Getting Started and Diving Into LR

Session 1-1 (*Total Time Estimate: 3 hours)

Take a diagnostic practice test: PrepTest 140 (3 hours)

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

Answer: We advise against doing so. Practice tests are the most beneficial when they mimic the actual testing experience as closely as possible. 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.

*Total time estimate includes not only the lesson and drill times but also an approximation of how long it will take to transition between the activities.

Session 1-2 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 20 minutes)

- **LSAT key facts from lsac.org** (10 minutes)
- **Lesson: Error Log Demo** (6 minutes)
- **Create your error log and add questions from your diagnostic test** (1 hour)

Session 1-3 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Error Log Review: Diagnostic PT 140 (1 hour and 30 minutes)
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.

Session 1-4 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 15 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Attacking the Questions I** (11 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Attacking the Questions II** (20 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Assumption, Strengthen, and Weaken** (19 minutes)
- **Drill: LR Assumption, Strengthen, and Weaken (12 Qs)** (~16 Minutes)

Session 1-5 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 25 minutes)
- **Error Log Review: LR Assumption, Strengthen, and Weaken drill** (30 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Flaw Questions I** (11 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Flaw Questions II** (10 minutes)
- **Lesson LR Flaw Questions III** (8 minutes)
- **Drill: LR Flaw Questions (12 Qs)** (~16 minutes)

Unit 2 - More LR and Diving Into RC

Session 2-1 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 25 minutes)
- **Error Log Review: LR Flaw Questions** (30 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Inference Questions** (13 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Principle Identify Questions** (15 minutes)
- **Drill: LR Inference and Principle Identify (12 Qs)** (~16 minutes)

Session 2-2 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 25 minutes)

- **Error Log Review: LR Inference and Principle drill** (30 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Powering Through Passages** (15 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Approaching the Questions** (12 minutes)
- **Drill: RC Two Passages Set A** (~16 -18 minutes)

Session 2-3 (Total Time Estimate 1 hour, 40 minutes)

- **Error Log Review: RC Two Passages Set A drill** (30 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Conclusion Questions** (18 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Paradox Questions** (10 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Process of Elimination** (17 minutes)
- **Drill: Process of Elimination (aka POE)** (~16 minutes)

Session 2-4 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 15 minutes)

- **Error Log Review: LR POE drill** (30 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Primary Purpose Questions** (11 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Structure Questions** (10 minutes)
- **Drill: RC Two Passages Set B** (~16 -18 minutes)

Session 2-5 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

- **Error Log Review: RC Two Passages Set B drill** (30 minutes)
- **Flex Time** (1 hour)
  - **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, which can be timed or untimed, avoiding tests that you've seen before or that are assigned in this schedule.

- If you are feeling a bit behind schedule, use this as an opportunity to get caught up.

Unit 3 - Putting Your Skills to the Test (literally!)

Session 3-1 (Total Time Estimate: 3 hours)

- **Take a practice test: PrepTest 147** (Or another practice test if you have already taken all or some sections of PT 147. Be sure to take the whole test, timed.)

Session 3-2 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Score your test and open your error log for a deep-dive review of Practice Test #147.

Session 3-3 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 35 minutes)

- **Lesson: RC Detail Questions I** (11 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Detail Questions II** (10 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Inference Questions** (10 minutes)
- **Flex Time** (1 hour)
  - **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. At this point, it's ideal that your practice is timed. Be sure to avoid tests that you've seen before or that are assigned in this schedule.

- If you are feeling a bit behind schedule, use this as an opportunity to get caught up.

Session 3-4 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

- **Lesson: RC Comparative Passages I** (24 minutes)
- **Lesson: RC Comparative Passages II** (10 minutes)
- **Drill: RC Two Passages Set C** (~16 -18 minutes)
- **Error Log Review: RC Two Passages Set C drill** (30 minutes)

Session 3-5 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 35 minutes)

Note: You have two lessons and two practice sessions today. You can attack them in any order you'd like: As listed, or maybe you prefer watching the lessons first, then working the practice questions, and then ending the session with review.

- **Lesson: LR Role of Statement Questions** (8 minutes)
- **Drill: LR: Role of Statement and Conclusion** (~18 minutes)
- **Lesson: LR Parallel and Most Similar Questions** (6 minutes)
- **Drill: LR Parallel and Most Similar** (~18 minutes)
- **Error Log Review: Two LR Drills** (45 minutes)

Unit 4 - Practice, Practice, Practice

Session 4-1 (Total Time Estimate: 3 hours)

- **Take a practice test: PrepTest 153** (Or another practice test if you have already taken all or some sections of PT 153. Be sure to take the whole test, timed.)

Session 4-2 (Total Time Estimate: 2 hours)

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

As you review, 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.

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."

Session 4-3 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Ramped-Up Review

Note: *The next session in this schedule will look similar to this one. The focus will be reviewing, working on weaknesses, and building confidence by practicing your strengths*.

Start today off by diving into your error logs. **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.

Session 4-4 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

This study day should look similar to the previous session: you can either spend time on the sections you didn't tackle then or do another round of review of all sections.

Session 4-5 (Total Time Estimate: 1 hour)

- **Lesson: Test Day Pacing Tips** (5 minutes)

You have one and only one LSAT assignment for today: **review your methods, strategies, and test day procedures** . 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! 🥳