



Studying for the LSAT-Flex



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LSAT Updates



April LSAT Cancellation

LSAC has canceled the April 2020 LSAT

- Everyone previously signed up to take the April LSAT as of April 7 is automatically signed up to take "LSAT-Flex," to be held on May 18 or May 19
 - Confirm that you are signed up on your LSAC account's April 2020 Rescheduling Option form
 - Scheduling will open on Wednesday, April 22, when you can pick your time to take the exam
 - If you were signed up for March/April but proactively pushed your test to a later date and want to take LSAT-Flex, contact LSAC's Candidate Services
 - LSACinfo@LSAC.org or (215) 968-1001

LSAT-Flex

LSAT-Flex is an at-home, online, remotely proctored, mini LSAT

- Composed of three, 35-minute scored sections
 - One Logical Reasoning, one Logic Games, one Reading Comp
- Same 120-180 scoring scale as a traditional LSAT
 - Logical Reasoning will not *be* double-counted
 - So, Logical Reasoning became relatively less important; Reading Comp and Logic Games relatively more important
- Law schools will know you took the LSAT-Flex, but by all accounts will not assess a score earned from the LSAT-Flex administration any differently

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- To take the LSAT-Flex, test takers will need a laptop/desktop with a Windows or Mac OS, equipped with a webcam/microphone. A stable internet connection will also be required.
- If you lack any of these, LSAC is working to send out loaners — contact them (LSACinfo@LSAC.org or (215) 968-1001)

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Our initial thoughts on LSAT-Flex?

- We would still like to know a few more details, but if you're registered for it, feel reasonably prepared, and are OK with going through the whole security fuss, why not take it?
 - It is, at the very least, shorter and will require less mental stamina
- If you want to apply in the 2019-2020 admissions cycle (to begin law school in Fall 2020), **definitely** take it
- If the LSAT-Flex is a disaster, LSAC will likely make additional options available, and law schools won't hold taking the LSAT-Flex against you as a test taker
- Make sure to follow the security directions **perfectly**

Future LSAT Dates

As of now, the June and July LSATs are scheduled to go on as normal LSATs

- However, LSAC has mentioned that they are open to additional LSAT-Flex administrations, depending on how the COVID-19 health crisis progresses

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Adjusting Your Study Plan for the LSAT-Flex



Same Content as Ever

It's important to first remember that the LSAT-Flex will have the same content as any other LSAT

- The same LR questions, games, and types of passages as almost certainly in similar proportions
- LSAC has assured everyone that the difficulty of these questions will not be substantially harder or easier than any other test
- So you should continue to focus on learning the same concepts and mastering the same skills that you would for any LSAT

But Allocate Your Study Time Differently

Logical Reasoning is still very important, and should take up at least a third of your study time, but ...

- It's likely that Reading Comp will have the biggest impact on your score, so you should almost certainly allocate more time to that section
- Logic Games will probably have fewer questions than the other two, but its impact is relatively higher on the LSAT-Flex
 - Logic Games is the most commonly "aced" section on this exam ... a -0 or -1 on LG has never been more impactful on your final score

Still ... Remember to Focus on Weaknesses!

As always, you should be dedicating the most time to the sections and concepts that you find the most difficult

- Especially if they are frequently tested, like ...
 - On LR, diagramming, causation, the common fallacies, principles
 - On RC, the author's attitude and main point, the role certain pieces of evidence play in the passage, the "secondary structures"
 - On LG, ordering (basic and "tiered"), grouping ("stable" and "unstable"), making "scenarios," finding players' "distributions"

Practice Exams

You can continue to take the four-section Practice Tests currently available

- You'll do a little bit more work than you'll have to do on the real LSAT-Flex (think of it as high-resistance training), and your score might be a point or two higher or lower than what'll be on the LSAT-Flex, but ...
- It'll still give you the opportunity to get practice under test-like conditions, work on timing strategies, and learn more about your strengths and weaknesses



And these are the whole point of taking a practice exam

Practice Exams

You can also omit one Logical Reasoning section from a four-section practice test

- To get an "adjusted raw score" that you can use to find your scaled score, multiply the number of questions you got correct by $\frac{4}{3}$ or use our probably slightly more precise online calculator
- Then compare your adjusted raw score to the score conversion chart for that exam
- But remember, don't just focus on the score!

Available at: <https://blog.blueprintprep.com/lsat/calculate-your-lsat-flex-score/>

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The Five Stages of LSAT Prep



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(This is what we do from
Lessons 1–9 in our course)



(1) Core curriculum

- Learning and practicing, untimed, all the strategies and approaches you'll need for each LSAT section
- Consider enrolling in a comprehensive LSAT course, or finding some other way to learn about everything on the exam
- Focus on understanding! You'll get questions correct, you'll get questions wrong. What matters is that you can begin to understand and articulate why answers are right and wrong
- Keep a question journal—a running list of the questions you get wrong, why you got them wrong, and any solutions you can devise

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(This is what we do from
Lessons 10–12 in our
course)



(2) Finish curriculum/Reinforce concepts

- More untimed practice, focusing on the most common strategies, and question/passage/game types
- Really try to understand! You should be able to explain, clearly and easily, why every answer choice is either right or wrong
- Keep a question journal—a running list of the questions you get wrong, why you got them wrong, and any solutions you can devise

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(3) Troubleshooting

- Review concepts you're still struggling with (based on your question journal)
- Continue untimed practice with other concepts
- Goal: your accuracy on questions, untimed, should exceed the accuracy your target score requires

175: ~95%

165: ~82%

158: ~70%

172: ~92%

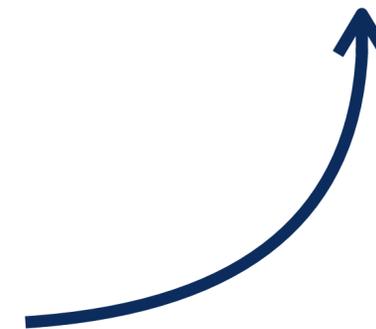
163: ~80%

155: ~65%

170: ~90%

160: ~75%

153: ~62%

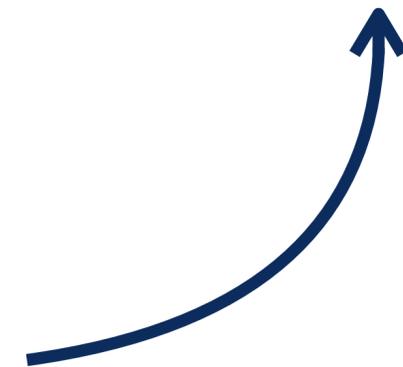


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(4) Timed practice

- Slowly work your way up to "test speed"
- Do small practice sets, giving yourself more time than you'll have on the test
- If you can maintain your accuracy, slowly and incrementally reduce the time you give yourself

Try starting with 10 Easy-Medium LR questions in your Practice section, and see if you can complete them in 20 minutes. The goal should be to eventually complete them in 15 minutes. Also start with 2 Easy-Medium games/passages, and try completing them in 24 minutes. The goal should be to eventually complete them in 17 minutes



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(5) Practice exams, and review

- Take full, timed practice exams (or full, timed individual sections) and replicate test conditions as closely as you can
- Reviewing the exams is the most important part—you should carefully review every question you got wrong, and every question you got right but were uncertain on
- Determine why you missed or were uncertain on these questions, and devise solutions
- Mix timed and untimed practice in between exams

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I was preparing for March/April,
now I'm studying for LSAT-Flex



April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Troubleshooting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review concepts you're still struggling with, and continue untimed practice with other concepts• Goal: your accuracy on questions, untimed, should exceed the accuracy your target score requires						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Timed practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slow, incremental progress to "test speed"• If your accuracy ever slips, slow down!						
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May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	

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Blueprint's LSAT-Flex Crash Course



LSAT-Flex Crash Course

We designed a new course from the ground up to help you get prepared for the LSAT-Flex

- This is our first "advanced" course, designed for those who have already been studying for the LSAT, but want some advanced techniques to help increase accuracy, understanding, and, speed
- We'll also allocate our class and study time in a way that makes sense for the three-section LSAT-Flex
- We're building a customized study plan to keep you accountable, practiced, and prepared all the way through May 18/19



LSAT-Flex Crash Course



The course includes ...

- Nine, two-hour live online lessons
- Free live online proctored exams
- Access to content from all 89 LSAT exams (over 8900 actual LSAT questions)
- Automated scoring of practice exams with explanations
- Full access to our Online Anytime course through your test date
- Free online Review Sessions, 6 days/week, for additional help
- Smart homework that adapts to your skill level, and customizable practice sets are there for you to zero in on weaknesses
- Law school admissions guidance in a post-COVID world

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Questions?

