

# Recommended LSAT Study Guide

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## General Notes:

- This study schedule is designed around a four month period, but it can be compressed or expanded to fit a different time span.
- Find someone (or a group) to study with. A study partner will help defray the costs of the prep materials and will help in keeping you motivated.
- At least two weeks before the test (preferably a month before), set up a sleeping schedule where you go to bed and get up at the same times as you will on test day.
- Do some form of aerobic exercise at least three days a week and maintain a healthy diet.
- You will need an analog wristwatch that has a second's hand for timing. Make sure you practice with the same watch that you'll be using on test day, so to familiarize yourself with the watch.
- Study in places where there are distractions, so you can learn how to ignore them (i.e. the reading room at the library, a coffee shop, etc.).
- **Read everything.** Dense novels: Joyce, Faulkner, etc. News publications: The New York Times, the Economist, etc. Journals: American Scientific, etc. (all of these materials can be found at the UNH library).
- Find a method of timing that works for you (the PowerScore books have an informative section on this).
- A good way to take practice tests is to take the test at 8:00am, have lunch, and then go over the test in the afternoon.
- **On days when you are not testing, go over questions from previous tests that you either got wrong or struggled with.**
- If you get behind on the testing schedule, and you cannot catch-up, skip to the more recent tests because the test has evolved over time so you want to make sure that you've taken the most recent tests because they will be the most like the test you'll see on your actual test day.
- If you are a current student, I recommend that you take either the June or October administration. I favor the October administration because it gives you the whole summer to study.
- Visit the law school discussion forum, Top-Law-Schools, found here: <http://www.top-law-schools.com/>. There is a wealth of knowledge on this site about the LSAT and applying for law school in general. As a disclaimer, neither I nor UNH is responsible for the material on the website, so visit at your own discretion.
- Always use a bubble sheet when doing timed tests. Transferring answers takes a few seconds and you want this to be reflected in your practice.
- **If you are serious about doing well on the LSAT, you should be prepared to invest at least 20 hours a week into studying for a four month period.**

## **Suggested Materials to Buy:**

- The PowerScore Logic Games Bible and the PowerScore Logical Reasoning Bible, which can be found here: [http://www.powerscore.com/lsat/content\\_publications.cfm](http://www.powerscore.com/lsat/content_publications.cfm)
- “The Official LSAT SuperPrep”
- “10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests”
- “10 More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests”
- “The Next 10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests”
- Individual LSATs #40-#56, all of which can be found here: [https://os.lsac.org/Release/Shop/Shop\\_Books.aspx?po=Y](https://os.lsac.org/Release/Shop/Shop_Books.aspx?po=Y)

## **Timeline:**

### Week 1:

1. Take the first test in the “The Official LSAT SuperPrep,” as a cold diagnostic under strict timing conditions.
2. Go over your diagnostic test, looking at the explanations provided by LSAC in the back of the book.
3. Go through the Logic Games Bible in its entirety (don’t write in the book because you want to be able to go back and do the exercises again, so use a piece of scrap paper).
4. Continue to go over all of the exercises in the Logic Games Bible until you understand all of them thoroughly.

### Week 2:

1. Go through the Logical Reasoning Bible in its entirety (don’t write in the book because you want to be able to go back and do the exercises again, so use a piece of scrap paper)..
2. Continue to go over all of the exercises in the Logical Reasoning Bible until you understand all of them thoroughly.

### Week 3:

1. Take the first test in “10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” untimed.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Establish a system for marking the test for time management. For example, to save time, I would mark certain questions that I would like to come back to if time permits at the end. That is, I would put a square around the number of the question if I was really uncomfortable with the answer, and if I was only slightly uncomfortable with the answer, I would put a circle around the number of the question. Then, if I had time remaining at the end, I would go back to the questions I squared first, then, if I had additional time, I would go back over the questions that I circled. Timing is a central issue on the LSAT and the ability to not dwell on difficult questions is of the utmost importance. Thus, creating a system to mark difficult questions allows you to move on, but it also allows you to efficiently get back to those questions if time is remaining. Nevertheless, always make sure to mark an answer before moving on. You are not penalized for

incorrect answers like the SAT, so you want to make sure you have at least a guess down before moving on, in case you don't have time to get back to the question.

4. Take the second test from "10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests," untimed.
5. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
6. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 4:

1. Take the third test from "10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests," under strict time conditions (try to incorporate your system for marking the questions).
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Take the fourth test from "10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests," under strict time conditions (try to incorporate your system for marking the questions).
4. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
5. Take the fifth test from "10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests," under strict time conditions (try to incorporate your system for marking the questions).
6. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
7. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 5:

1. Take the second test in "The Official LSAT SuperPrep," and go over every question by looking at the explanation given by LSAC in the back of the book.
2. Take tests 6 and 7 in "10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests," under strict time conditions (incorporate your system for marking the questions).
3. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
4. Set up an Excel spreadsheet to document your progress.
5. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 6:

1. Take the third test in "The Official LSAT SuperPrep," and go over every question by looking at the explanation given by LSAC in the back of the book.
2. Take tests 8-10 in "10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests," under strict time conditions.

3. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
4. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

Week 7:

1. Take tests 1-3 in “10 More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” under strict time conditions.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

Week 8:

1. Reread the Bibles to reinforce the fundamentals.
2. Take test 4 in “10 More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” under strict time conditions.
3. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
4. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

Week 9:

1. Take tests 5-7 in “10 More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” under strict time conditions.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

Week 10:

1. Take tests 8-10 in “10 More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” under strict time conditions.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

Week 11:

1. Take tests 1-4 in “The Next 10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” under strict time conditions.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).

3. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 12:

1. Take tests 5-8 in “The Next 10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” under strict time conditions.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems

#### Week 13:

1. Take tests 9 and 10 in “The Next 10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests,” and tests #40, #41 and #42 under strict time conditions.
2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 14:

1. Find out where on campus the test will be administered and begin taking a few tests in that room. For example, when I took the LSAT it was in McConnell, so I talked to the Registrar’s office and reserved the room for Saturday mornings. Review parking restrictions for weekends and potential bad weather.
2. Take tests #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47.
3. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
4. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 15:

1. Review the LSAC restrictions on what can be taken into the test with you.  
<http://www.lsac.org/LSAT/day-of-test.asp> LSAC is extremely strict with these restrictions.
2. Take tests #48, #49, #50, #51, #52 and #53 under strict time conditions.
3. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
4. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.

#### Week 16:

1. Take tests #54, #55 and #56 under strict time conditions.

2. Go over all of the questions that you got wrong and all of the questions that you struggled with, irrespective of whether you got it right or wrong (find someone who can explain the correct answer if you cannot understand it yourself).
3. Look at the prompts for the writing section and outline how you would approach the question.
4. Continue to refer back to the two Bibles for particular question types that are giving you problems.