

LSAT 101

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Test Facts

Where to register: www.lsac.org

Test Cost: \$248

Changing a Test Date:

Free until the registration deadline; Get some money back if you change it within 10 more days, no money back if you change it later than that

Retaking:

Up to five times within 5 years; up to 7 times total.

Scores Valid for 5 years

Score Preview:

Option available to see you score and have 6 days to decide whether to cancel for \$45 (\$85 if you purchase it after taking your exam but before scores are released)

Changes to the test in recent years

- NO MORE LOGIC GAMES
- NO MORE PAPER TESTS *
 - *unless you have an accommodation
- NO MORE REMOTE TESTING **
 - **unless over 180 miles/3 hours from facility
- NEW LSAT USER INTERFACE



Where to Test

At Home



Mac/PC Laptop or Desktop
(with camera and microphone)
Windows, TV screens must be covered.
Room must not have floor to ceiling windows

At a Prometric Center



In cubicles, on a desktop computer

Prometric in Madison
1721 Thierer Rd (near East Towne Mall)

***Proctoring & Internet Connection
may be more stable here***

What's a Logic Game?

Questions 12–16

A town has exactly two public parks—

Graystone Park and Landing Park—which are to be planted with North American trees. There are exactly four varieties of trees available—maples, oaks, sycamores, and tamaracks. The planting of the trees must be in accord with the following:

Each of the parks is planted with exactly three of the varieties.

At least one of the parks is planted with both maples and sycamores.

Any park that is planted with oaks will also be planted with tamaracks.

Graystone Park is planted with maples.

12. Which one of the following could be a complete and accurate list of the varieties of trees planted in each of the parks?

- (A) Graystone Park: maples, oaks, sycamores
Landing Park: maples, oaks, sycamores
- (B) Graystone Park: maples, oaks, tamaracks
Landing Park: maples, oaks, tamaracks
- (C) Graystone Park: maples, sycamores, tamaracks
Landing Park: maples, oaks, sycamores
- (D) Graystone Park: maples, sycamores, tamaracks
Landing Park: maples, oaks, tamaracks
- (E) Graystone Park: oaks, sycamores, tamaracks

What's Logical Reasoning?

Cars with automatic transmissions are typically more expensive than cars with manual transmissions, and cars with air-conditioning tend to be more expensive than cars without air-conditioning. Thus, since Sasha's car has an automatic transmission, it probably has air-conditioning and must have been expensive.

2 scored sections

18. The argument above is most similar in its flawed reasoning to which one of the following arguments?

A	Inorganic chemicals are usually less complex than organic chemicals, and chemicals with low molecular weights are generally less complex than chemicals with high molecular weights. Thus, since the chemical being analyzed has a low molecular weight, it is probably inorganic and must not be complex.
B	As a rule, hamsters are larger than gerbils and have larger litters than gerbils. Thus, since Bert's pet is a hamster, it is probably larger than a gerbil and must have been part of a large litter.
C	On average, savings accounts offer higher interest rates than checking accounts, and accounts at credit unions offer higher interest rates than accounts at banks. Thus, since Ceci's account offers a high interest rate, it is probably at a credit union and must be a savings account.
D	Bowlers typically have greater arm strength than golfers, and people who lift weights usually have greater arm strength than marathon runners. Thus, since Deborah is a bowler, she probably also lifts weights and has greater arm strength than most marathon runners.
E	Movies with well-known actors are usually more popular than movies without them, and movies with happy endings tend to be more popular than movies with unhappy endings. Thus, since tonight's movie has well-known actors, it will probably end happily and be more popular than a movie that ends unhappily.

What's Reading Comprehension?

1 scored section

This passage is adapted from a book published in 1979.

Videotape can be an expedient means of presenting witness testimony in court trials. An opponent of this practice, legal scholar S. J. Brakel, believes that videotape yields less-reliable testimony or lessens jurors' ability to assess witnesses' credibility. Witnesses, Brakel thinks, are better aware of the stringent truthfulness requirement and the penalties for perjury when they are actually present in the courtroom. Also, Brakel claims, videotape cannot capture in vivid detail the whole range of cues associated with testifying—paralinguistic cues, such as tone of voice, cadence, and pitch, and nonverbal cues that include gestures as well as involuntary signs of nervousness. The fact that phenomena such as failure to maintain eye contact with a questioner, fidgeting, and inappropriate tone of voice are considered in many cultures to signal deceit provides some anecdotal support for Brakel's claims.

Brakel's critics argue that witnesses giving their testimony outside the courtroom—in a lawyer's office or a recording studio—are adequately aware, if given a formal reminder, of the penalties for perjury. The critics also suggest that even truthful witnesses might, under the stress of testifying in court, forget or involuntarily repress information.

Brakel's arguments against videotaped testimony presume that witnesses' nonverbal and paralinguistic cues are a reliable basis for assessing veracity. But in court, when a great deal of both verbal and nonverbal information is available, it may

1. Which one of the following most accurately expresses the main point of the passage?

A

Empirical research supports the claim that removing the distractions of live testimony enhances the ability of jurors to detect mendacity.

B

A number of formidable objections have been raised to legal scholar S. J. Brakel's theories about the shortcomings of videotaped testimony.

C

Legal scholar S. J. Brakel's contention that witnesses who testify in court are less likely to perjure themselves has been thrown into doubt by recent research.

D

Legal scholar S. J. Brakel's hypothesis about the response of jurors to videotaped testimony has been rejected by researchers who have studied the use of this technology.

E

Critics of legal scholar S. J. Brakel have assembled evidence supporting the view that videotaped testimony is indistinguishable from live courtroom testimony.

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Experimental Section

1 unscored section

LSAT 101

Logical Reasoning

OR

Reading Comp.

Fall 2026

LSAT Timing

Current LSAT

1 Reading Comprehension (RC) Section	26-28 questions	35 min
2 Logical Reasoning (LR) Sections	24-26 questions	35 min 35 min
1 Experimental Section (Unscored RC or LR)	(see above)	35 min
1 Argumentative Writing Section (Not scored but provided to Law Schools)	1 essay	50 min (15 mins prewriting/ 35 minutes writing)

There will also be one 10-minute break between sections 2 and 3.

Which LSAT date should I take?

It's all about timing

Upcoming LSAT Test Dates

October 2026- October 7-10

November 2026- November 11-14 (Oct 1 registration/refund deadline)

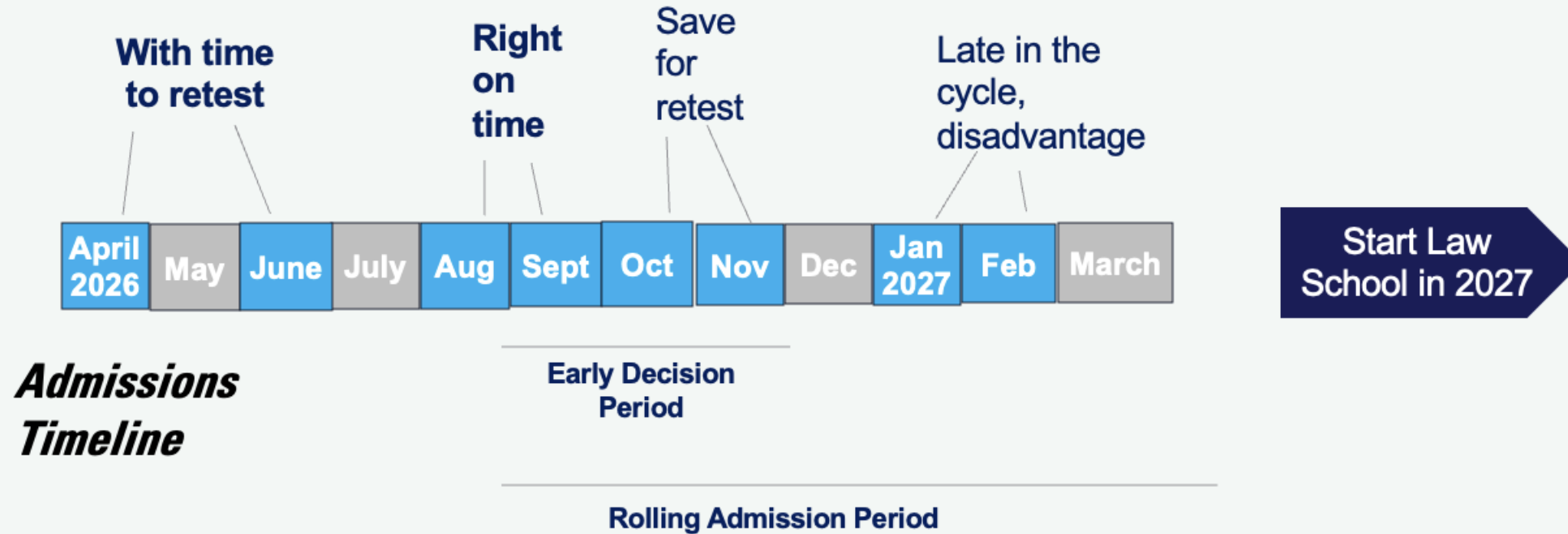
January 2027- January 13-16

February 2027- February 12-13

April 2027- April 8-10

June 2027- June 6-12

Test Date Timing



Blue = LSAT available this month
Gray = No LSAT expected that month

LSAT Study Strategy



How do I prep?

The LSAT is a skills-based exam you must TRAIN for

- You should NOT take the official test just to see how you would do
- **Attempting to cram for the LSAT in a month or two will NOT produce a score that best represents you**
- Mental / Emotional state has a big impact on performance, so you need to be practicing good self care while preparing

How Long Should I Study?

10-15 hours/week for 3-6 months

180 hours on average

What to use? Books? Courses?



Different people prefer different LSAT prep resources.

We have seen applicants be successful with different study modalities.

What do you know about yourself as a learner?

LSAC LawHub
lawhub.org

Official Free Test Prep
Online at your own
pace

Good start, usually not
enough

**CPLA LSAT
Workshop:**
Kick off self
prep or jump
start prep
before a full
course

Online
Self Paced
Courses

(ex. 7Sage,
LSAT Demon,
LSAT Lab,
Magoosh)

**Live In Person
or Live Online**
Classes
(ex. Blueprint,
Powerscore,
Kaplan,
Testmasters,
Princeton
Review, LSAT
Demon, 7 Sage)

Tutoring
Online or In Person

FREE

\$100

\$199+
(or Monthly \$69+)

\$700+

\$1000+

\$100-\$200/hr is common
for tutoring

May find cheaper tutors
on Wzyant

LSAT Prep Course Options

[Check out our LSAT Discounts Page](#)

How do I start?

Very first step: Take a full length LSAT cold
using Lawhub, a prep book, or a test prep company



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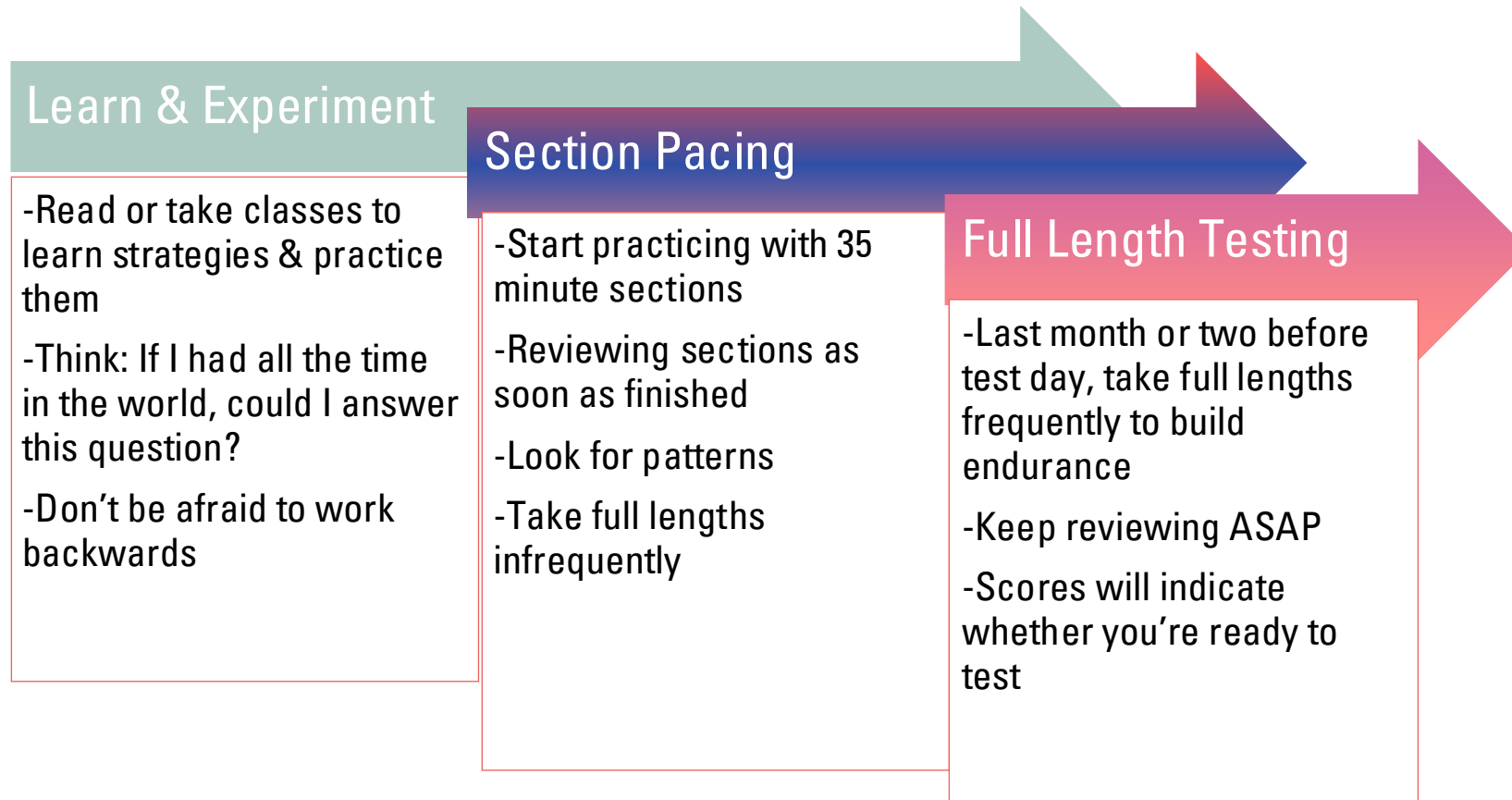
⌵ LSAT Argumentative Writing Prep #1

⌵ LSAT—Puerto Rico Argumentative Writing Prep

 The Official LSAT PrepTest 140

⌵ The Official LSAT PrepTest 141

How do I structure self studying?



Typical duration of LSAT study: 10-15 hours/week for 3-6 months

Resources

Financial Support,
Free Practice Materials



Applications can be expensive

\$248 LSAT registration fee

\$45 or \$85 LSAT Score Preview

\$120/yr Practice Tests (LawHub Advantage)

\$215 CAS Account to Apply to Schools

\$45/ea Send your score to schools

Apply for Fee Waiver



LSAC Fee Waiver covers all these
costs and more

<https://www.lsac.org/lSAT/register-lsat/lSAT-cas-fees/fee-waiver>

LSAC Fee Waiver

Test takers who qualify for the [LSAC fee waiver](#) get:

- ❖ Free LSAT administration & LSAT writing
- ❖ Free Score Preview
- ❖ Free CAS (Credential Assembly Service account to apply to law schools)
- ❖ Sending scores (CAS Reports) to a certain number of schools for free
- ❖ Free access to all the previously released exams from the LSAC
- ❖ **Free/\$1 LSAT courses (online with all digital practice tests)**

Contact company with proof of waiver ex. 7 Sage

[Links on our LSAT Discounts page](#)

Official Practice Tests

LSAC

lawhub.lsac.org

Create a free account to access this resource

Free: 4 Preptests (140, 141, 157, 158)

OR

\$120/year: LawHub Advantage all other released exams

****Must purchase this when taking a commercial course****

Campus Resources

- **CPLA LSAT Workshop \$100** (Free scholarships for those with financial need)
 - Offered fall, spring, and summer
- **Pre Law Student Orgs**
 - Form study groups
 - May offer prep discounts
- **Campus Libraries**
 - The Center for Pre-law Advising Library has some LSAT books & practice tests
 - In other libraries, check how old the books/tests are
 - Practice tests with numbers below 100 are outdated
- **Advising:** CPLA advisors can help UW-Madison students and alumni with
 - Choosing a Test Date
 - Deciding if you are ready to test or should postpone
 - Deciding to retest



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