

Preparatory Courses at the University of Utah LSAT (Law School Admission Test)

This course is designed to help you do your best on the Law School Admission Test. Each section of the LSAT (essay writing, reading comprehension, logical reasoning, and analytical reasoning) is covered in depth. A diagnostic exam is given during the first class session to assess strengths and weaknesses. Extensive practice is then provided along with test taking strategies so that students can improve performance, increase test sophistication, and reduce test anxiety.

Although no preparation course can guarantee a high score or compensate for major gaps in knowledge, this course will give you the opportunity to improve your ability to pursue a legal education and sharpen the verbal and analytical skills essential to the study of law. A full-scale, proctored, final practice test will also be given; details to be announced.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for graduate school admission exams is independent of any preparatory course.

Materials List & Expenses

The Next 10 Actual Official LSAT PrepTests
3 LSAT Pre-Tests (specific tests subject to availability)

All materials are publications of Law School Admission Services and are supplied to student on the first day of class.

LSAT Preparatory Course Syllabus

Note: Since this course is offered during two (2) evenings per week or one (1) Saturday per week the actual course schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Topic 1

Overview of LSAT
Registration/Purpose/Organization
Goal setting, charting progress, and pre-course information
Diagnostic Test
Instructions for taking, scoring, and evaluating the diagnostic test
Analytical Reasoning
Structure of analytical reasoning questions
How to organize a system of conditions
Use of diagrams
Some rules of deductive inference
Strategies for answering questions
Practice and explanations

Topic 2

Continue Analytical Reasoning
Overview of Logical Reasoning

Topics 3

Logical Reasoning
Structure of an argument
Methods of attacking an argument
Common fallacies in drawing correct inferences
Strategies for answering questions
Practice problems and explanations

Topics 4

Essay Writing
Instructions and practice in completing:
I. LSAT Writing Sample
II. Personal statement on law school application
Reading Comprehension
Strategies for improving critical reading skills
Instruction in answering all major types of reading comprehension questions
Practice problems and explanations
Instructions for taking final practice test and charting progress

Topic 5

Review and Additional Practice
Explanation of selected problems on final practice test
Additional practice on each of the three LSAT sections
How to deal with anxiety
Class evaluations
Date, time and location of LSAT final practice test to be announced.