

Megan Needham's LSAT Prep Course (July-August 2021)

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Meeting Times: This is a hybrid course that will have three components. There will be recorded videos to watch each week prior to coming to class. These will be posted in Google Drive and you can watch them at your convenience during the week. These videos cover all topics on the LSAT. Expect to spend 3-4 hours per week watching videos prior to coming to class. Second, there will be a three-hour *in-person* class on the PSU campus each week. These sessions *will NOT* be recorded. You must attend to benefit from them. Third, I will have online office hours each week by appointment only. I look forward to taking steps to return to normality with this hybrid course! We will follow all requirements for COVID precautions that are in place during the course. (Bring a mask. We will use as required.)

In-class Meeting Time:

- Tuesdays, 4:30-7:30 p.m., PSU (room TBD)
- Six weeks: July 13th-August 17th

Zoom office hours (by appointment only):

- Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- July 15th-August 12th

Course Goals: This course will help you prepare for and improve your score on the Law School Admissions Test by teaching the skills required to correctly answer reading comprehension, logical reasoning, and analytical reasoning questions. Teaching methods will emphasize how the skills tested on the LSAT are used in law school and legal practice. This course is designed to be small so that each student can receive personalized attention. We will follow the outline in the syllabus, but we also have the flexibility to adapt and cover certain topics in more detail depending on student questions. I am on your team, and my goal is to help you perform your absolute best on the LSAT. My most dedicated students continue to study for the LSAT after taking this course (or any other course). LSAT prep courses generally serve as an introduction to the LSAT that help you home in on the skills you need to improve. The advantage of this small, personalized course is that I can help you identify areas you need to work on more and then provide you with additional tools to achieve your goals.

Required Texts: *The Official LSAT SuperPrep II: The Champion of LSAT Preparation* (Check here for purchasing options: <https://www.lsac.org/lsat/lsat-prep/prep-books-ebooks>)

Official LSAT Prep Plus (purchase here through LSAC: <https://www.lsac.org/lsat/prep>). You will create a Law Hub account and this one-year plan (cost \$99) will give you access to online versions of over 90 previous LSAT exams. These exams will be the source for the vast majority of the assignments for this course. LSAC has changed its licensing structure to require all LSAT prep course students working with any company purchase this service.

Schedule

Key: GD = Google Drive, AR = Analytical Reasoning (Games), LR = Logical Reasoning, RC = Reading Comprehension

Watch the videos and complete the assignments *BEFORE* the live session for the week.

Date	Topics Covered	Complete Before Weekly Meeting
7/13	<p>Introduction to the LSAT</p> <p>LR: Deconstructing Arguments (Main Conclusion, Role in Argument, Method of Argument, Parallel Reasoning)</p> <p>Videos to Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Logical Reasoning #1 (Intro)- Logical Reasoning #2 (Main Conclusions)- Logical Reasoning #3 (Parts of an Argument)- Logical Reasoning #4 (Method of Argument)- Logical Reasoning #5 (Parallel Reasoning)	<p>Practice Test 79 (Digital Version on Isac.org in Law Hub account)</p> <p>Please complete this test (all four sections) under timed conditions, taking only a 10 minute break between the 3rd and 4th sections. Complete the writing sample as well under timed conditions. When the test is complete, grade the test and submit your score online.</p> <p><i>(Approximate time 4 hours—2 hours 20 minutes to complete test, 35 minutes for writing sample, remaining time to grade test and submit score online)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watch videos- Homework: TBD
7/20	<p>Formal Logic Intro #1</p> <p>LR: Strengthening and Assumption Questions; Weakening and Flaw Questions</p> <p>Videos to Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Logical Reasoning #6 (Strengthening)- Logical Reasoning #7 (Assumptions)- Logical Reasoning #8 (Weakening)- Logical Reasoning #9 (Flaw and Parallel Flaw)- Reading Comprehension #1 and #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watch all videos first- Homework: TBD
7/27	<p>LR: Principles and Discrepancies; Inferences and Conflicting Views</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watch all videos first- Homework: TBD

	<p>Videos to Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logical Reasoning # 10 (Principles) - Logical Reasoning #11 (Discrepancies) - Logical Reasoning #12 (Inferences) - Logical Reasoning #13 (Conflicting Views) - Reading Comprehension #3 and #4 	
8/3	<p>Formal Logic on the LSAT AR: “Fill-a-team” (aka Grouping or Selection) games</p> <p>Videos to Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal Logic on the LSAT - Analytical Reasoning #1 (“Fill-a-team”) - Reading Comprehension #5 and #6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watch all videos first - Homework: TBD
8/10	<p>AR: Ordering Games; Hybrid Games</p> <p>Videos to Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analytical Reasoning #2 (Ordering Games) - Analytical Reasoning #3 (Hybrid Games) - Reading Comprehension #7 and #8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watch all videos first - Homework: TBD
8/17	<p>AR: Off-the-wall Games Reading Comprehension Review Writing Sample Review Final Review</p> <p>Videos to Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analytical Reasoning #4 (Off-the-wall games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watch all videos first - Final Exam: Practice Test 85 (all four sections timed, complete on your own before class)