

Test FAQ: The LSAT



Office of Career Development

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Q: What is the LSAT?

A: The LSAT is a half-day standardized test for admission to law schools. The test consists of five 35-minute sections of multiple-choice questions. Four of the five sections contribute to the test taker's score. These sections include one reading comprehension section, one analytical reasoning section, and two logical reasoning sections. The unscored section typically is used to pretest new test questions or to preequate new test forms. The placement of this section, which is commonly referred to as the variable section, varies for different administrations of the test. The score scale for the LSAT is 120 to 180, with 150 being the average.

Q: When can I take the LSAT?

A: The LSAT is offered four times a year. Check online for up-to-date test information:

<http://www.lsac.org/LSAC.asp?url=lsac/test-dates-deadlines.asp>.

Registration for the June test does not begin until March. Saturday Sabbath observers may take the exams on Mondays following the regular test dates by mailing in a letter on official stationery from your minister or rabbi confirming your religious affiliation.

Q: Where can I take the LSAT?

A: The LSAT is offered on the Vassar campus for the test dates that occur during the school year; however, you may want to find a testing center closer to home for the June test date.

Q: How do I register for the LSAT?

A: Registering online is the quickest and easiest way to register. You can also call 215.968.1001 or use the registration forms located in the current LSAT & LSDAS Registration Packet.

Q: How much does the LSAT cost?

A: The registration fee for the LSAT is \$123. If you meet certain criteria, you may qualify for an LSAC fee waiver. Late registrants must pay an additional \$62.

Q: I'm not going directly to law school. How long are my scores valid?

A: LSAT scores are valid for three years following your test.

Q: How can I prepare for the test?

A: There are several on-campus resources that can help you prepare. The Career Development Office provides the LSAT Registration and Information Book containing a practice test, as well as other materials about the test and the application process. The CDO also has a review book with practice tests. The Learning and Teaching Center offers general information sessions and practice sessions. Kaplan courses, as well as Princeton Review courses, are also held often with the nearest sites being SUNY-New Paltz, Marist, and Dutchess Community College.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: You can pick up an LSAT Registration and Information Book from the Career Development Office or visit the Law School Admission Council's website at www.LSAC.org.