

Information about the LSAT

The LSAT is vital to law school admissions. To a great extent, your LSAT score determines where you work. Applying to law school is not an easy process. There are many variables to consider along the way, but one thing is for certain: the LSAT score does about 75% of the work in getting you in to (or leaving you out of) the school of your dreams. The format and scoring of the LSAT are described below.

What sections are on the LSAT?	What skills are being assessed?	How long is this section?
Logical Reasoning	On this section, students will be presented with a brief argument and asked to analyze and draw conclusions about the information provided. These questions take several forms, but all assess students' ability to evaluate the arguments accurately.	35 minutes
Analytical Reasoning	This section is often referred to as the 'Games Section'. Test-takers are presented with four passages, or games, which dictate specific rules for how the variables described can or cannot interact with each other. These questions assess students' understanding of the rules and their ability to make inferences.	35 minutes
Reading Comprehension	This section evaluates an applicant's ability to read and understand long, complex passages and to draw inferences about the information presented. Speed and accuracy are key to working through these questions.	35 minutes
Essay	This section presents students with the opportunity to create and defend an argument of their own. Students will be given a prompt which outlines two opposing positions on an issue and will be asked to choose the position they agree with and to explain why. Although this section is not scored, it allows schools to become familiar with an applicants' writing skills.	35 minutes
Total Time		2 hours 20 minutes

How is the LSAT scored?

LSAT scores are calculated by converting the raw score (the total number of questions answered correctly) to a scaled score which will range from 12-180. All questions on the LSAT are equal in value. That is, a difficult question and an easy question are worth the same amount of points. Because the score is calculated based on correct answers, there is no penalty for incorrect answers. This means that you should always guess, if you are unsure of the answer! To see what score you need, check your potential schools' websites!