

5 Tips for taking LSAT only once!

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Every time you take the LSAT, scores are averaged. Therefore, if you do mediocre the first time and terribly bad the second round, due to some unforeseen circumstance (i.e. you woke up and the depressed cat had taken it's life via asphyxiation in a bowl of milk), you might never forgive yourself for retaking the exam. Ideally, you take the LSAT once and call it a day. Not only would it work to your disadvantage if the second score was lower than the previous, but studies have shown that many people who do retake the exam only score, on average, a two-point difference. Two points is not worth more time, more stress, more money. Taking it once will save sanity and integrity in the long-run. Below are five tips to prepare you for taking the LSAT only once.

#1 Find your weakness

There is very little point to studying for weeks before taking the practice test. Take a practice test before you even open your prep books. Fail miserably and be honest with your failures. By doing so, you can prepare more efficiently for the actual exam. Knowing your baseline will help to better channel study efforts. Once you know where your weaknesses lie, your study time can be ultra-focused and tailored to those sections where confidence wanes. Upon mastering your weakest link, the test is your oyster (so to speak).

#2 Study smartly, be efficient

Once you know your weakest areas, your efforts can be more effectively delegated, so study time is never wasted reviewing sections you are already competent on. Practice, practice, practice until your weakest sections feel like a breeze. Don't let problem areas hold you back. You are only as strong as your weakest link.

#3 Start early

It is Law school folks, get serious. Cultivate discipline, you are making an adult decision, therefore I am assuming you are an adult. Or perhaps this is a subtle reminder that you need to begin acting more like one. This is not a light-hearted high school exam you cram for the night before. There should be no cramming for the LSAT. Allow yourself at least a two-to-three month time frame to prepare. Don't worry, your friends will understand. A few months of minimal socializing to invest in carving out a lifetime career – you can handle it. Purchase your prep materials or test program early and buckle down to manage your time appropriately.

#4 Answer the easy questions first, you're allowed

Like the SAT, all questions equate to the same amount of points, meaning, a more difficult question is worth no more than the easier ones. Therefore, eliminate all possibilities of making any careless mistakes on the first part of each section, since that is where the easier questions live. These can be your gold mine, if you treat them as such. In fact, skipping around to the easier questions is encouraged! Because if time does run out, then at least you are bound to have gotten more points on the easier questions.

#5 Hire Help

As you already know, since you are the one making the decision to go to school, this LSAT thing is a pretty important event in determining your future. It could be the determining factor between attending a mediocre school versus going to the school of your dreams. Therefore, if you are finding yourself in a pool of tears every night struggling with the study material, get yourself a tutor! Now is the time to get serious and invest.

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