The information listed below is provided to aid in preparation for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and provide a foundation for work you will be required to complete if you wish to apply to law school.

If you have any additional concerns, please contact the pre-law advisor for an appointment regarding questions you have regarding applying to law schools.

**Suggested Major for Law School**
None: You may choose to major in any discipline at St. Norbert College and be equally eligible with all other applicants. You may choose to complete the Pre-Law Certificate program.

**Suggested Course Work for the LSAT and Law School**
See Pre-Law Certificate program sheet for suggestions.

**What is the LSAT?**
The LSAT is designed to measure skills that are considered essential for success in law school: the reading and comprehension of complex texts with accuracy and insight; the organization and management of information and the ability to draw reasonable inferences from it; the ability to think critically; and the analysis and evaluation of the reasoning and arguments of others.

- The exam consists of five multiple-choice sections each 35 minutes in duration.
- Four of the five sections are used to score the exam. The remaining section, referred to as the variable section, is used to test new questions. Students are not made aware of which section is experimental.
- A writing test, also 35 minutes long, is administered but not scored. The sample is sent to law schools with the final score from the multiple choice sections.
What is the LSAT? (continued)
The LSAT consists of three different categories of questions.

- Logical Reasoning Questions (2 sections)
- Reading Comprehension Questions (1 section)
- Analytical Reason Questions (1 section)

Changes to the LSAT
Beginning in September of 2019, the LSAT will no longer be conducted as a paper-and-pencil exam and instead be offered in digital form. The Digital LSAT is the same multiple-choice exam as the paper-and-pencil LSAT, delivered on easy-to-use tablets instead of booklets. The tablets will be provided to test takers at the test center. The content will be the same and the structure of the test sections and the questions will be the same as the current LSAT. It is important to note that the test day will be shorter for test takers because the LSAT Writing will be (as of June 2019) administered separately from the LSAT multiple-choice test sections, online via a secure testing platform. Another important change for test takers will be that their answers will be selected on the screen by tapping on their answer choice. There will be no paper answer sheets. The tablet offers great features such as a timer with a five-minute warning, highlighting, and flagging to keep track of questions that a test taker may want to revisit in a section.

The transition to the Digital LSAT will begin in July 2019, when approximately half of the test takers will be assigned to take the test on a tablet provided by LSAC, and the rest will take the traditional paper-and-pencil test. After the July 2019 test, the LSAT will be digital in North America starting September 2019.

To help provide test takers with the tools and content to prepare effectively and confidently for the Digital LSAT, we have published several full practice tests to the Get Acquainted with the Digital LSAT practice site. We will continue to add practice tests in the weeks and months ahead. These practice tests provide an experience that mirrors the experience of the Digital LSAT. Prospective test takers can access the Get Acquainted site (including practice tests) on a laptop, desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone.

When Do I Take the LSAT?
The LSAT is administered nine (9) times each year in January, February, March, April, June, July, September, October, and November. The cost is $200.00.

You may take the LSAT as many times as you wish. Schools generally accept your highest score, although they have access to all scores for each student who applies.

Most law schools strongly suggest that you take the exam no later than November if you expect to enroll the following September. However, an earlier date provides greater flexibility for students who may wish to take the exam a second time or if the student must miss the exam for personal or medical reasons.

Below are the dates for the LSAT in the 2019-20 academic year. More information is available at lsac.org.
DATES FOR 2019-2020

Monday, June 3, 2019
Registration NO LATER THAN April 24, 2019

Monday, July 15, 2019
Registration NO LATER THAN June 4, 2019

Saturday, September 21, 2018
Registration NO LATER THAN August 1, 2019

Monday, October 28, 2019
Registration NO LATER THAN September 10, 2019

Monday, November 25, 2019
Registration NO LATER THAN October 10, 2019

Monday, January 13, 2020
Registration NO LATER THAN December 3, 2019

Saturday, February 22, 2020
Registration NO LATER THAN January 7, 2020

Monday, March 30, 2020
Registration NO LATER THAN February 11, 2020

Saturday, April 25, 2020
Registration NO LATER THAN March 10, 2020

Be aware that you may request a testing center change (for a fee of $125) and a change of date (for a fee of $125). See lsac.org for information regarding both of those options and the dates by which you must make the request. You may also request a refund if you choose to withdraw from an LSAT. You will receive a refund of $50.

Where Do I Take the LSAT?
There are testing centers across the state and the nation. A list of testing centers, and the dates each administers the exam, is available at lsac.org.

The earlier you register for the exam, the more likely you will be placed at your preferred testing site. If you would like to take the exam while studying abroad, there are testing centers scattered across the globe that will allow you to complete the exam while you are outside of the states.

What About LSAT Preparation?
Students may either choose to study on their own or may enroll in a prep course. The choice you make will depend on the type of student you are, the resources that you have at your disposal, and your confidence in your ability to master a variety of techniques necessary to succeed on the exam.
Don’t simply assume that you must take a course. Many students achieve great success without spending the time or money on tutorials. However, courses aid students in developing the skills necessary to succeed on the exam and have proven to be quite helpful for most students who enroll.

The typical student averages between 100 and 150 hours of studying and review and spends between $100 and $500 on preparation materials.

Below I list resources available to those who seek to prepare alone and those who choose to avail themselves of professional help.

**LSAT Preparation Materials**

- Additionally materials may be purchased at [https://os.lsac.org/Release/Shop/Publications.aspx](https://os.lsac.org/Release/Shop/Publications.aspx), including:
  - *The Official LSAT Handbook*
  - *The Official LSAT SuperPrep*
  - 10 *Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests*
  - 10 *More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests*
- Additional printed LSAT materials include:
  - Barron’s *How to Prepare for the LSAT* (Jerry Bobrow, Ph.D)
  - Examkrackers *LSAT Complete Study Package* (David Lynch)
  - Kaplan *LSAT 2010-11 Premier* (Kaplan)
  - *LSAT for Dummies* (Amy Hackney Blackwell)
  - *LSAT Logical Reasoning Bible* (David M. Killoran)
  - *LSAT Logic Games Bible* (David M. Killoran)

**Commercial LSAT Courses**

Courses are available starting with basic online courses costing approximately $750. However, vendors also offer classroom-based courses, summer camps, small group instruction, and tutorials. Below I list a number of providers and their web sites.

- **Blueprint** [www.blueprintprep.com](http://www.blueprintprep.com)
- **Examkracker** [www.examkracker.com/LSAT](http://www.examkracker.com/LSAT)
- **Kaplan** [www.kaptest.com/LSAT](http://www.kaptest.com/LSAT)
- **Knewton** [www.knewton.com/last](http://www.knewton.com/last)
- **NextStep** [www.nextsteptestprep.com/tests/last-tutors](http://www.nextsteptestprep.com/tests/last-tutors)
- **PowerScore** [www.powerscore.com/lsat](http://www.powerscore.com/lsat)
- **TestMasters** [www.testmasters.net/Lsat](http://www.testmasters.net/Lsat)

**Free Online Courses** [https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/lsat](https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/lsat)

**For More Information...**

See Charley Jacobs or visit [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).