

James Greene

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Score: 175 (99.7 Percentile)

Admitted: Harvard, Columbia (scholarship), NYU (scholarship)

If you plan to hire someone to help you prepare for the LSAT, you would be crazy not to hire Jonathan. He's a brilliant, encouraging tutor. His instruction and support helped me achieve my target score.

Jonathan approached instruction by teaching the fundamental skills the LSAT tests. This may seem like an obvious approach, but it's very rare: most instructors and study materials are going to just teach you superficial, one-size-fits-all models and try to jam every question on the LSAT into them. This will help initially, but the returns quickly diminish. Jonathan teaches the fundamentals of logic, argument analysis and logic games. You'll be able to use these no matter what clever new question the LSAT presents. He built on those fundamentals with savvy intellectual shortcuts that helped me significantly increase my pace and decrease my mistakes. By the time I took the October LSAT, I was practicing full-length tests with 33-minute (rather than 35-minute) sections. With two extra minutes on every section, the actual test felt like a breeze.

Jonathan designed a curriculum sequence that allowed me to incrementally learn logical reasoning, logic games and reading comprehension simultaneously, which helped me prepare much more quickly than I would have been able had I done a more linear curriculum. When I encountered challenges, he helped me troubleshoot, and found alternate ways to conceptualize and teach the material. Equally important, he helped me stay motivated and positive during plateaus and setbacks. The LSAT tests psychology and endurance as much as it does intellectual skills; Jonathan guided me to the best possible study and practice-test habits, which helped ensure I had the stamina and grit to surmount whatever crazy obstacles arose on the actual test-day (Make no mistake: there will be unforeseen, "worst-case-scenario" obstacles on test-day).

Personally, I know I perform better when I have a partner to challenge me and a well-regimented routine to keep me on-track. Working with Jonathan provided both. At my job, I was often working 10-hour days, but I knew I needed to cover a certain amount of material each week to have a productive session with Jonathan. This kept me moving forward and helped me avoid slacking off. I was initially skeptical of tutoring via Skype, but I found it extremely productive—I could Skype Jonathan from my office and then study in the area after, which helped me save a ton of time I would have spent travelling to meet up with someone in person.

You have to work long and hard to perform well on the LSAT. Jonathan will make your effort that much more effective and efficient. Hire him.