

Trials is the Training and Recruitment Initiative for Admission to Leading Law Schools. It is a partnership of the **Advantage Testing Foundation**, **Harvard Law School**, and **NYU School of Law**.

Our mission is to diversify law schools and the legal profession by supporting the aspirations of under-represented students.

Trials Summer 2023 at NYU School of Law



Advantage Testing Foundation



Trials is the nation's most rigorous and selective full-scholarship pre-law pipeline, preparing students of underrepresented backgrounds and modest means for admission to leading law schools. Trials students are selected on the basis of their compelling personal narratives, ability to overcome adversity, commitment to public service, and academic achievements.



Program Highlights

PARTNERS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Harvard Law School
- New York University School of Law

VITAL STATISTICS

- Twenty full-scholarship five-week residencies at Harvard Law School or the NYU School of Law
- Median starting diagnostic LSAT score at the 40th percentile
- Median official LSAT score at the 88th percentile
- Curriculum includes logical reasoning, argumentation, critical reading, and essay writing
- 50%+ first-generation college students
- 80%+ underrepresented minority students
- Multiple admissions to all top 10 US law schools
- 72 admitted to Harvard Law School
- 4 selected as NYU Root-Tilden Scholars
- 3 selected as NYU An-Bryce Scholars
- Trials Alumni include 1 Rhodes Scholar, 1 Thouron Scholar, 2 Marshall Scholars, 4 Fulbright Scholars, 2 Soros Fellows, and 4 Rhodes Finalists



BENEFITS

Trials is a full scholarship program. Students are not responsible for any tuition, fees, or related expenses. In addition to the academic curriculum of the program, every Trials student will receive:

- Transportation to and from the host university campus
- Campus housing and daily meals for the duration of the five-week program
- Access to the host university's library, computer centers, and gym

Each Trials student also receives a \$3,000 stipend to replace or supplement summer employment income.

LEAD INSTRUCTORS

- Arun Alagappan—JD, Harvard Law School; Founder of Trials and the Advantage Testing Foundation
- Hector Ramos—JD, Harvard Law School; Trials Scholar from the inaugural Class of 2009
- Trials Teaching Assistants are selected from among the top performers in previous Trials classes

Over the course of the program, the median LSAT score for Trials scholars increases approximately 50 percentile points, to nearly the 90th percentile.

PAST GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- John Manning, Dean of Harvard Law School
- Trevor Morrison, Dean of NYU School of Law
- Martha Minow, former Dean of Harvard Law School
- Richard Revesz, former Dean of NYU School of Law
- John Sexton, former President of NYU and Dean of NYU School of Law
- Ronald Sullivan, HLS Criminal Justice Institute Director
- Robert Bordone, Founding Director of the Harvard Negotiation Clinic
- Gloria Tan, Former Deputy Director of HLS Criminal Justice Institute
- Randall Kennedy, HLS Michael R. Klein Professor of Law
- The Honorable Jesse M. Furman, US District Court, Southern District of New York
- Kristen Clarke, Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice

About The LSAT

LSAT OVERVIEW

- The LSAT is an exam required for admission to most law schools.
- The LSAT is administered online, in a remote-proctored format, through at least June 2023.
- Most schools assess LSAT scores along with the candidate's undergraduate grade point average and other relevant experience.
- Candidates may take the LSAT no more than three times in a single testing year, no more than five times in the current and past five testing years, and no more than seven times over a lifetime.

LSAT FORMAT

- Logical Reasoning: The Logical Reasoning, or “Arguments,” section consists of a total of 24–26 multiple-choice questions to be completed in 35 minutes.
- Analytical Reasoning: The Analytical Reasoning, or “Logic Games,” section consists of 22–24 multiple-choice questions to be completed in 35 minutes.
- Reading Comprehension: The Reading Comprehension section consists of 26–28 multiple-choice questions to be completed in 35 minutes.
- Experimental: Each LSAT contains one 35-minute unscored experimental section. The experimental section is not identified as such, so test takers generally do not know which section is unscored.

The four multiple-choice sections of the LSAT appear in no particular order. There is a 10-minute break after the second section of the test.

LSAT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Online Score Release
October 14 and 15, 2022	September 1, 2022	November 2, 2022
November 11 and 12, 2022	September 29, 2022	November 30, 2022
January 13 and 14, 2023	December 1, 2022	February 1, 2023
February 10 and 11, 2023	December 27, 2022	March 1, 2023
April 14 and 15, 2023	March 2, 2023	May 3, 2023
June 9 and 10, 2023	April 25, 2023	June 28, 2023

LSAT SCORING AND SCORE CANCELLATIONS

- Test takers will receive their official LSAT scores online roughly three weeks after their official test date.
- There is no guessing penalty on the LSAT, so test takers should answer every question, even if the answer is a random guess.
- LSAT scores are scaled from 120 to 180, based on the test taker's performance on the multiple-choice sections. The LSAT Writing sample is not scored, but it is sent to the applicant's selected law schools as part of the LSAT score report. Some law schools will use it as part of the admission process, and others may use the writing sample to determine placement of admitted students in legal writing courses.
- When the LSAT is taken more than once, LSAC will calculate an average score that will be printed on an applicant's score report along with the scores from individual test dates.
- All test takers have the option to purchase Score Preview, which allows them to preview their scores before deciding whether to keep them. Those who purchase this option will receive their scores at the same time as other test takers and then have six days to decide whether to cancel or keep their scores.
- Without the Score Preview option, LSAT score cancellation requests must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on the sixth day after taking the LSAT.
- Score reports do indicate canceled scores. Most law schools will ignore the first cancellation, but many schools will expect or require an explanation for multiple canceled scores.



