GED® Prep Syllabus

How does it work? Once a session starts, two lessons will be released each week, for the six-week duration of your course. You will have access to all previously released lessons until the course ends.

Keep in mind that the interactive discussion area for each lesson automatically closes 2 weeks after each lesson is released, so you're encouraged to complete each lesson within two weeks of its release.

The Final Exam will be released on the same day as the last lesson. Once the Final Exam has been released, you will have 2 weeks plus 10 days to complete the Final and finish any remaining lessons in your course. No further extensions can be provided beyond these 10 days.

Week One

Lesson 01 - What's the GED® Test All About?
Wednesday
How many subjects does the GED® test cover, and how much time do you get for each part of the test? Where do you go to take the test? Do you get to use a calculator? Will this class teach everything from four years of high school? In this lesson, you'll learn the answers to all these questions and more.

Lesson 02 - Reasoning Through Language Arts: Focus on Reading
Friday
Reasoning Through Language Arts is the longest of the four GED® test modules, so we'll spend three lessons on it. In this lesson, I'll give you an overview of the RLA, and then we'll focus on your reading skills. Together we'll map out a strategy for mastering the reading passages of the RLA.

Week Two

Lesson 03 - Reasoning Through Language Arts: Focus on Editing
Wednesday
Today we'll continue preparation for the Reasoning Through Language Arts test module, but we'll shift gears a bit. It's time to explore the parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure. What you learn today will prepare you for the editing part of the RLA test module and help you with the writing we'll do in later lessons.

Lesson 04 - Reasoning Through Language Arts: Focus on Writing
Friday
It's time to use what you learned about reading strategies in Lesson 2 and grammar in Lesson 3 to create an extended response, which is a type of essay. The extended response has a high point value, so you'll want to ace it!
Lesson 05 - Mathematical Reasoning: Focus on Math Terms and Algebra Basics

Wednesday

In this first of three math lessons, I'll introduce you to the test content and the approved GED® calculator. We'll also review the concept of "order of operations," which tells you what to do and in what order when you have a multi-step problem to solve. More than half the math questions cover algebra topics, so we'll jump right into the language of algebra. By the end of this lesson, you'll be simplifying and evaluating expressions and solving equations and inequalities that have one variable.

Lesson 06 - Mathematical Reasoning: Focus on Formulas and Dimensions

Friday

Lesson 6 applies the algebra you learned in Lesson 5 to formulas and dimensions in geometry. You'll use formulas for perimeter, area, volume, and surface area. These lessons work in real life as well as on the test: By the end of this lesson, you'll know how to figure your gas mileage, the cost per unit and the sale price of an item you're buying, and the area and perimeter of your yard.

Lesson 07 - Mathematical Reasoning: Combining Algebra and Geometry

Wednesday

In this lesson, you'll bring your basic algebra skills to a higher level and combine them with geometry concepts. You'll learn how to plot points, graph lines, and figure out the slope of lines on a coordinate grid. Then you'll factor and solve a quadratic equation. Last, I'll show you how to use tables to solve word problems algebraically. There's a lot going on in this lesson, but I know you're up to the challenge!

Lesson 08 - Science: Energy and Related Systems

Friday

In our first science lesson, we'll tackle the theme of energy and related systems. Besides investigating the cosmos and learning physics laws, we'll practice some math that relates to science. The science test also features two short-answer items, and I'll help you prepare for those.
Lesson 09 - Science: Human Health and Living Systems

Wednesday

Ever wonder why you have blue eyes and your siblings have brown eyes? Ever watched TV news reports about the effects of hurricanes, tornadoes, or earthquakes? Then you're ready for this science lesson. Today we'll tackle the first science theme: Human Health and Living Systems.

Lesson 10 - Social Studies: Modern Liberties and Democracy

Friday

Understanding your government is an important part of being a good citizen. As you prepare for the social studies test, you'll learn about events that shaped the history and economy of the United States.

Lesson 11 - Social Studies: Dynamic Responses to Societal Systems

Wednesday

Explore the second social studies theme as you learn to analyze political cartoons, master the basics of economics, and learn more about 20th-century history.

Lesson 12 - Testing and Beyond

Friday

We're almost done with this course! Use the checklists in this lesson to make sure you're ready for the GED® test. You'll also find tips and techniques to make test day less stressful. And we'll talk about your plans for the future, whether that's college or another path.