

Guide for Level I CFA Exam Preparation

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Planning your study strategy

Candidates who begin their study earlier in the exam season will do better on the exam

The best day to start studying is today

Having an effective study plan and sticking to it is the real key to exam success

The Level I CFA Exam Seasons

June exam:

Online early-start classes begin in October, approximately every two weeks ending by May 1

Online and most classroom instruction begins in late January, every week ending by May 1

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December exam:

Online early-start classes begin in April, approximately every two weeks ending by Nov 1

Online and most classroom instruction begins in late July, every week ending by Nov 1

Steps to Success

1. View the video in the Schweser Resource Library titled “How to Pass the Level I CFA Exam”
2. Expect to spend over 300 hours preparing for the exam—**create your study plan**

Steps to Success

3. Begin with Ethics:
 - a) Readings 1–5 in the SchweserNotes
 - b) Read the entire Standards of Practice Handbook
 - c) Take multiple quizzes on SS1 from the QBank
 - d) Live classes do not cover Ethics
OnDemand video instruction available
 - e) Take the Self-Assessment test for Ethics

Steps to Success

4. View library video about the TI calculator
5. SS#2, study SchweserNotes for readings 6–9
Quantitative Methods: Basic Concepts
6. OnDemand video instruction is available by reading
7. Take multiple quizzes on SS# 2 from the QBank
8. Do the EOR questions in the CFA Curriculum books

Steps to Success

9. SS#3 study SchweserNotes for readings 10–13
Quantitative Methods: Applications
10. OnDemand video instruction available by reading
11. Take multiple quizzes on SS# 3 from the QBank
12. Do the EOR questions in the CFA Curriculum books
13. Take the Self-Assessment test for Quant Methods

Steps to Success

14 - 75 Candidates should proceed through all LOS, readings, study sessions, and topics.

There are Self-Assessment tests for each topic:

Ethics	Quantitative Methods
Economics	Financial Reporting and Analysis
Corporate Finance	Portfolio Management
Equity	Fixed Income
Derivatives/Alternative Investments	

Get your questions answered through Instructor Link.

Steps to Success

When your classes begin:

Put preparation for each class into your schedule.

After each class, take quizzes to get exam-ready.

There is over a month after live classes conclude for practice exams and targeted review.

Steps to Success

Candidates benefit from early study and repeated exposure to each topic area.

Taking quizzes from Study Sessions previously covered will refresh your memory and improve retention (hopefully through exam day).

Best of luck in your studies!

We'll be with you every step of the way.