

Important Note: Visit <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/> for the most current information on the Uniform Bar Examination, including an up-to-date list of jurisdictions that have adopted the UBE.

This course guide is intended to assist students in selecting courses to prepare them for the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE). The UBE has been adopted by numerous states, including Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia & Wyoming. *Jurisdictions that use the multistate components of the UBE may also require applicants to also complete a jurisdiction-specific educational component and/or pass a test on jurisdiction-specific law in addition to passing the multistate components of the UBE.* New York has such a requirement, for example, as does Texas (although it has not yet implemented the UBE or this state-specific test). The required passing score also varies slightly from state to state.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The UBE is coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and is composed of the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) tasks, and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). More information on the distinction between the MEE and the MBE, whose subject matter overlap, can be found at the end of this guide.

COMPONENTS OF THE EXAM (PARENTHETICAL % INDICATES RELATIVE VALUE IN EXAM SCORE)

DAY 1 (HALF DAY): Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) (30%)

DAY 1 (HALF DAY): Multistate Performance Text (MPT) (20%)

DAY 2 (FULL DAY): Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (50%)

The information below outlines the various components of the UBE and indicates which LSU Law Center courses correspond most significantly with the subject matter coverage of each subject on the UBE (as provided by the NCBE).

MULTISTATE ESSAY EXAMINATION (MEE) (30%):

The MEE contains six 30-minute questions. Some questions may include more than one area of law. The particular areas covered vary from exam to exam. For more detailed information, review the [MEE Subject Matter Outline](#).

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| BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS | Business Associations I (5300) Business Associations II (5301) |
| CIVIL PROCEDURE | Basic Civil Procedure I (5007)(1L) Basic Civil Procedure II (5017)(1L) Federal Courts (5603) |
| CONFLICT OF LAWS | Conflict of Laws (5705) (no stand-alone questions) |
| CONSTITUTIONAL LAW | Constitutional Law I (5008)(1L) Constitutional Law II (5421) Federal Courts (5603) <i>Supplemental Course: Administrative Law (5402)</i> |
| CONTRACTS | Contracts (5001)(1L) Contracts II (5305) UCC Sales (5319) |

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| CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE | Criminal Law (5009)(1L) Administration of Criminal Justice I (5010)(1L) <i>Supplemental course:</i> Admin. of Criminal Justice II (5401) |
| EVIDENCE | Evidence (5605) |
| FAMILY LAW | Family Law: The Law of Persons and the Family (5208) |
| REAL PROPERTY | Common Law Property (5309) Real Estate Transactions (5530) |
| TORTS | Torts (5003)(1L) |
| TRUSTS AND ESTATES | Common Law Trusts, Estates, Fiduciary Obligations (5311) |
| UCC SECURED TRANS. | Uniform Commercial Code Security Devices (2) (5320) ¹ |

MULTISTATE PERFORMANCE TEST (MPT) (20%):

The NCBE’s Multistate Performance Test (MPT) contains two 90-minute items. The MPT is a skills test rather than a knowledge test. The goal is to test some fundamental skills that all lawyers, not matter their subject-matter expertise, will be expected to apply in practice. Based on a “file” containing research materials as well as source documents, the test-taker provides a written response to a task assigned in the “question,” which comes in the form of a memorandum from a supervising attorney. The form of the response varies, and might be a memorandum to the supervising attorney, a letter to a client, a settlement proposal, a persuasive brief, a closing argument, or other attorney work product. More information on preparation is at: <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpt/preparing/>, and the skills tested are described at [MPT Skills Tested](#). Courses that focus on the basic skills that are central to successful performance on the MPT include:

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| LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING | Legal Research & Writing I & II (5021, 5022) (1L) |
| <i>Note: In addition to LR&W I & II, many advanced research, skills, clinical, externship, and trial advocacy courses provide opportunities to develop the skills that are tested on the MPT.</i> | |

MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION (50%) (MULTIPLE-CHOICE):

The NCBE’s Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) is a six-hour, 200-question multiple-choice examination. The stated goal of the MBE is to test the examinee’s ability to apply fundamental legal principles and legal reasoning to analyze given fact patterns. Areas of law that are tested include the courses below. For the complete scope of the material covered by the MBE, see the [MBE Subject Matter Outline](#).

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| CIVIL PROCEDURE | Basic Civil Procedure I & II (5007 & 5017)(1L) Federal Courts (5603) |
| CONSTITUTIONAL LAW | Constitutional Law I (5008)(1L) Constitutional Law II (5421) Federal Courts (5603) <i>Supplemental course:</i> Administrative Law (5402) |
| CONTRACTS | Contracts (5001)(1L) Contracts II (5305) UCC Sales (5319) |

¹ As of August 2019, the MEE’s UCC coverage (beyond Contracts (Article 2, Sales of Goods)) only extends to Article 9, Secured Transactions. The NCBE does not list UCC Articles 3 or 4 as subject matter covered on the UBE, although those topics might be covered by individual states that add state-specific questions to the UBE. Check your chosen state.

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| CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE | Criminal Law (5009)(1L) Administration of Criminal Justice I (5010)(1L) <i>Supplemental course: Admin. of Criminal Justice II (5401)</i> |
| EVIDENCE | Evidence (5605) |
| REAL PROPERTY | Common Law Property (5309) Real Estate Transactions (5530) |
| TORTS | Torts (5003)(1L) |

COMPLETE LIST OF COURSES FOR QUICK REFERENCE—SEE ABOVE FOR RELATIVE “WEIGHT”:

1L COURSES

First Semester

Basic Civil Procedure I (5007)
Contracts (5001)
Criminal Law (5009)
Torts (5003)
Legal Research & Writing I (5021)

Second Semester

Basic Civil Procedure II (5017)
Constitutional Law I (5008)
Administration of Criminal Justice I (5010)
Legal Research & Writing II (5022)

UPPERCLASS COURSES

Administration of Criminal Justice II (5401)
Administrative Law (5402)
Business Associations I (5300)
Business Associations II (5301)
Common Law Property (5309)
Common Law Trusts, Estates, Fiduciary Obligations (5311)
Conflict of Laws (5705)
Constitutional Law II (5421)
Contracts II (5305)
Evidence (5605)
Family Law: The Law of Persons and the Family (5208)
Federal Courts (5603)
Real Estate Transactions (5530)
UCC Sales (5319)
UCC Security Devices (5320)

ACCORDING TO THE NCBE WEBSITE:

The purpose of the MBE is to assess the extent to which an examinee can apply fundamental legal principles and legal reasoning to analyze given fact patterns.

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