

District of Columbia Bar Exam

It is the responsibility of the individual student to confirm the requirements he or she must satisfy in order to sit for the District of Columbia bar examination. Those requirements may be found here: <https://www.dccourts.gov/sites/default/files/2017-07/DCCA%20Rule%2046%20Admission%20to%20the%20Bar.pdf>. The following document may also be helpful: <https://www.dcbarexam.org/bar-resources/publications/washington-lawyer/articles/january-2015-from-the-president.cfm>

The following are some highlights from the District of Columbia rules that should assist a student in choosing courses:

The bar applicant must successfully complete at least **26 credit hours** of study at an ABA-accredited school in subjects tested on the DC Bar Exam. All 26 of these hours must be in courses that are substantially concentrated on a single subject tested on the Uniform Bar Examination. Those subjects include:

- Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies)
- Civil Procedure
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts (including Article 2 and Revised Article for UCC)
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Real Property
- Torts
- Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests)
- Uniform Commercial Code (Secured Transactions)

Note that Professional Responsibility, Foundations of Law, and Legal Writing do not count toward the 26 hours.

Note that there are additional requirements for bar admission beyond passing the District of Columbia Bar Exam. Students are responsible to meet these requirements.

Degree Checklist for District of Columbia Bar Takers

This checklist combines Regent degree and DC bar requirements

Required courses (5 hours)

Students must take both of the following courses:

- _____ LAW 511 Foundations of Law (2)
- _____ LAW 552 Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I (3)

These requirements may be waived, by petition to the Curriculum Committee, for students who have previously completed similar courses.

Required credits on DC bar tested subjects (26 hours)

Students must take at least credit 26 hours from the following courses

- _____ LAW 815 Advanced Torts (2)
- _____ LAW 602 Business Structures and Agency (3)
- _____ LAW 551 Civil Procedure I (2)
- _____ LAW 554 Civil Procedure II (3)
- _____ LAW 783 Conflict of Laws (3)
- _____ LAW 631 Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3)
- _____ LAW 683 Constitutional Law I (3)
- _____ LAW 684 Constitutional Law II (3)
- _____ LAW 521 Contracts I (3)
- _____ LAW 522 Contracts II (2)
- _____ LAW 531 Criminal Law (3)
- _____ LAW 652 Evidence (4)
- _____ LAW 661 Family Law (3)
- _____ LAW 561 Property I (3)
- _____ LAW 562 Property II (3)
- _____ LAW 621 Sales (2)
- _____ LAW 622 Secured Transactions (3)
- _____ LAW 541 Torts I (2)
- _____ LAW 542 Torts II (3)
- _____ LAW 662 Wills, Trusts, and Estates (3)

Strongly recommended course (3 hours)

Students are strongly recommended to take the following course to prepare for the MPRE

- _____ LAW 691 Professional Responsibility (3)