

New York Bar Exam

It is the responsibility of the individual student to confirm the requirements he or she must satisfy in order to qualify to sit for the New York bar examination. Those requirements may be found here: <http://www.nybarexam.org/eligible/eligibility.htm>. Students should pay particular attention to the requirements in section 520.6 relating to “Study of Law in a Foreign Country.” The following document will also be helpful: <http://www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm>.

The following are some highlights from the New York rules that should assist a student in choosing courses.

General Course Requirements

1. Students must complete **24 credit hours** at an ABA-accredited school.
2. All of the hours must be completed **on campus**; credits completed online or off campus do not count toward the 24. In addition, credits earned in independent studies do not count toward the 24.
3. 12 of the 24 credit hours are carefully prescribed:
 - 2 credits Legal Writing – LAW 552 Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I satisfies this requirement
 - 2 credits Professional Responsibility – LAW 691 Professional Responsibility satisfies this requirement
 - 2 credits in American legal studies – Civil Procedure I or II (LAW 551 or 554) or Constitutional Law I or II (LAW 683 or 684) satisfy this requirement
 - Another 6 credits must be in subjects tested on the NY bar exam. The following courses satisfy this requirement:
 - LAW 602 Business Structures and Agency
 - LAW 521 Contracts I and LAW 522 Contracts II
 - LAW 631 Constitutional Criminal Procedure
 - LAW 652 Evidence
 - LAW 661 Family Law
 - LAW 561 Property I and LAW 562 Property II
 - LAW 722 Remedies
 - LAW 621 Sales
 - LAW 622 Secured Transactions
 - LAW 541 Torts I and LAW 542 Torts II
 - LAW 662 Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Skills Competency Requirement

Students commencing their LL.M. studies on or after August 1, 2018 must meet a “Skills Competency Requirement for Admission” per New York rule 520.18. This rule provides several pathways through which to satisfy the skills competency requirement. Students wishing to meet the skills competency requirement through pathway one must take the following courses to receive Regent’s Certification of Competence in Skills and Professional Values:

- Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I (LAW 552)
- Legal Analysis, Research & Writing II (LAW 553)
- Professional Responsibility (LAW 691)
- 6 hours from the following experiential courses (students must take at least one course from Subpart A and a second course from either Subpart A or Subpart B):

Subpart A: Experiential and Oral

- LAW 650 Appellate Advocacy (3)
- LAW 654 Trial Practice (3)
- LAW 655 Negotiations (3)
- LAW 656 General Mediation (3)
- LAW 658 Civil Practice Clinic (3)
- LAW 660 Client Interviewing & Counseling (3)
- LAW 667 Family Mediation (3)
- LAW 744 Advanced Trial Practice I (3)
- LAW 744 Advanced Trial Practice II (3)
- LAW 778 Advanced Appellate Advocacy I (3)
- LAW 778 Advanced Appellate Advocacy II (3)

Subpart B: Additional Experiential

- LAW 708 Right to Work Practicum (1-3)
- LAW 756 Judicial/Governmental Externship (1-5)
- LAW 757 Drafting Contracts (3)
- LAW 763 Estate Planning (3)
- LAW 780 Civil Litigation Practicum (2-3)
- LAW 780CA Child Advocacy Practicum (1-3)
- LAW 575 Advanced Child Advocacy Practicum (1-3)
- LAW 780IM Immigration Law Practicum (1-3)
- LAW 795 Legal Aid/Nonprofit Externship (1-5)

For more information on the skills competency requirement, see: <http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/news/skills.pdf>.

Note that there are additional requirements for bar admission beyond passing the New York Bar Exam (such as passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)). Students are responsible to meet these requirements.

Degree Checklist for New York Bar Takers

This checklist combines Regent degree requirements and New York bar requirements.

Required courses (8 hours)

Students must take all of the following courses:

- _____ LAW 511 Foundations of Law (2)
- _____ LAW 552 Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I (3)
- _____ LAW 691 Professional Responsibility (3)

Required credits in American legal studies (2 hours)

Students must take at least one of the following courses:

- _____ LAW 551 Civil Procedure I (2)
- _____ LAW 554 Civil Procedure II (3)
- _____ LAW 683 Constitutional Law I (3)
- _____ LAW 684 Constitutional Law II (3)

Required credits on New York bar tested subjects (6 hours)

Students must take at least credit 6 hours from the following courses

- _____ LAW 602 Business Structures and Agency (3)
- _____ LAW 521 Contracts I (3)
- _____ LAW 522 Contracts II (2)
- _____ LAW 631 Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3)
- _____ LAW 652 Evidence (4)
- _____ LAW 661 Family Law (3)
- _____ LAW 561 Property I (3)
- _____ LAW 562 Property II (3)
- _____ LAW 722 Remedies (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)

Optional additional courses needed for students wishing to satisfy New York's Skills Competency Requirement through Regent's Certification of Competence in Skills and Professional Values (per New York rule 520.18 (a) (1)) (9 hours)

Students must take the following course:

- _____ LAW 553 Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing II (3)

Students must also take at least credit 6 hours from the following list of experiential courses. Students must take at least one course from subpart A and a second course from either Subpart A or Subpart B, for a total of no fewer than 6 hours.

Subpart A: Experiential and Oral

- _____ LAW 650 Appellate Advocacy (3)
- _____ LAW 654 Trial Practice (3)
- _____ LAW 655 Negotiations (3)
- _____ LAW 656 General Mediation (3)
- _____ LAW 658 Civil Practice Clinic (3)
- _____ LAW 660 Client Interviewing & Counseling (3)
- _____ LAW 667 Family Mediation (3)
- _____ LAW 744 Advanced Trial Practice I (1-2)
- _____ LAW 744 Advanced Trial Practice II (1-2)
- _____ LAW 778 Advanced Appellate Advocacy I (1-3)
- _____ LAW 778 Advanced Appellate Advocacy II (1-3)

Subpart B: Additional Experiential

- _____ LAW 708 Right to Work Practicum (1-3)
- _____ LAW 756 Judicial/Governmental Externship (1-5)
- _____ LAW 757 Drafting Contracts (3)
- _____ LAW 763 Estate Planning (3)
- _____ LAW 780 Civil Litigation Practicum (2-3)
- _____ LAW 780CA Child Advocacy Practicum (1-3)
- _____ LAW 575 Advanced Child Advocacy Practicum (1-3)
- _____ LAW 780IM Immigration Law Practicum (1-3)
- _____ LAW 795 Legal Aid/Nonprofit Externship (1-5)

Elective credits (5-14 hours)

Students may choose, in consultation with their academic advisor, electives from any courses in the law school's J.D. catalog. On campus students whose legal training is not in the common-law legal tradition are required to choose one or two (as determined by the program director) electives from basic common-law courses (usually Torts, Contracts, or Property).