

Choosing SLU LAW Courses for the California Bar Exam

Must Haves for the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE):

- The MBE is the second day of the California Bar Exam and is the multiple choice day of the exam.
- It makes up 50% of the score for the California Bar Exam.
- The MBE subjects are also tested on the California Written Section, the state-specific portion of the bar exam. In other words, these classes double your money in terms of preparation.
- Much of the MBE subject areas are covered in the required first-year curriculum.
- However, there are some areas that are heavily tested on the MBE that are covered in upper-level electives. These are:
 - **Evidence** – An entire subject area on the MBE (25/200 questions)
 - **Constitutional Law II** – 50% of the Constitutional Law questions on the MBE
 - **Criminal Procedure** – Appx. 50% of the Crim. Law/Pro MBE questions
 - **Two course pathways:**
 - **Criminal Procedure Survey**
 - **Criminal Procedure: Investigation and Criminal Procedure: Adjudication**

Must Haves for the California Written Section:

- The California Written Section is the first day of the California Bar Exam.
- The California Written Section is comprised of five California Essay Questions and one California Performance Tests, together totaling 50% of the score for the California Bar Exam.
- Based on a review of the most heavily tested subjects on the California Written Section, and considering the difficulty of the subject areas to pick up for the first time on the bar exam, the following upper-level electives are also strongly recommended for students:
 - **Business Associations**
 - **Trusts and Estates**
 - **Remedies**

AREAS OF LAW TESTED ON THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM

CA Bar Exam Subject	Related SLU Law Courses
Business Associations	Business Associations
California Civil Procedure	None
California Evidence	None
California Wills and Succession	None
Community Property	None
Constitutional Law	<i>Constitutional Law I</i> Constitutional Law II First Amendment
Contracts	<i>Contracts I and II</i> Remedies
Criminal Law and Procedure	<i>Criminal Law</i> Criminal Procedure Survey Criminal Procedure: Investigation Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Evidence	Evidence
Federal Civil Procedure	<i>Civil Procedure I and II</i> Federal Courts
Professional Responsibility Note: Also tests on California Professional Responsibility	Legal Profession
Real Property	<i>Property</i> Real Estate Transactions
Remedies	Remedies
Torts	<i>Torts</i> Remedies
Trusts	Trusts and Estates

Classes in italics are required first-year courses.

Classes in bold are considered priorities for bar exam preparation.