



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

ADVANCED BAR REVIEW

LAW 982/SECTION 1

FALL SEMESTER 2017

TUESDAY 8:00 AM – 10:50 AM

ROOM 203

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PROFESSOR AITSEBAOMO

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NOTE FROM THE PROFESSOR:

This course will be team-taught by five professors who specialize in teaching, under bar review setting, the different areas covered in the course. The professors are supplied by our partner, Kaplan, under the leadership of Lead Professor Chris Fromm (christopher.fromm@kaplan.com).

COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

Course books and materials will be provided at no additional cost to students on the first day of class.

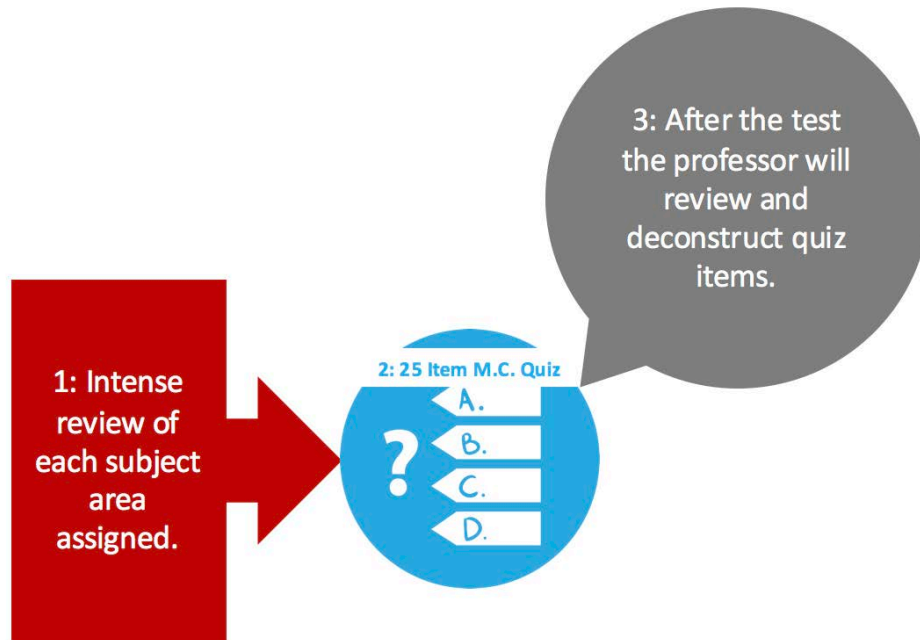
COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

DESCRIPTION:

The Advanced Bar Review (ABR) is a refresher course designed to provide third-year law students with an intensive substantive review of select MBE topics that are frequently tested on the MBE portion of the bar examination. Currently, the scope of the course encompasses the seven subject areas tested on the MBE portion of the bar examination, namely: (1) Criminal Law, (2) Torts, (3) Evidence, (4) Real Property, (5) Constitutional Law, (6) Federal Civil Procedure, and (7) Contracts.

At the conclusion of this course, all of the students are expected to have acquired a clear understanding of the specific subject matter modules taught, possessed the requisite analytical skills for deconstructing MBE questions, particularly in the subject matter areas covered, and be able to answer medium to complex MBE questions at a minimum raw pass rate of 65%.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT & LEARNING OUTCOMES



After an intensive review of each subject area assigned, students are administered a 25-item multiple choice quiz of moderate to complex level of difficulty. There will be a total of seven (7) such quizzes. Every student is **required** to achieve a minimum raw score (the floor raw score) of at least 65% on any quiz administered. **Note, however, that you need an average score of 65% to pass the course.**

Following the administration of each quiz, the professor reviews and deconstructs the quiz items immediately after the administration of the quiz. **To ensure that all students acquired a certain minimum level of competency in the subject matter taught before moving to the next, all students who obtained a raw score that is below the 65% threshold (and any students who desire to improve their score) are required to take a makeup quiz of similar issues and complexity after the initial quiz has been debriefed and prior to the next class.** This process is repeated for all subject areas covered in the course.

At the conclusion of the semester, students are given a 100-item comprehensive final examination consisting of issues covered in the entire course. **Apart from the in-class assessments, students must register for and work problems periodically in the Kaplan Q-Bank database to reinforce their understanding of the material.** At the end of the course, students would have been adequately prepared and exposed to taking about 450 multistate MBE questions of intermediate to complex level of difficulty under examination condition (in addition to the Q-Bank questions).

EXAMINATION AND GRADING

EXAMINATIONS:

There will be Seven (7) in-class quizzes, valued at Seven (7) percentage points each, designed to reinforce your understanding of the subject matter. Additionally, there will be a final examination valued at Fifty one (51) percentage points.

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Points</u>
7 Quizzes x 7 Points Each	49%	49
Final Exam	51%	51
TOTAL	100%	100

GRADING:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis. To pass the course, a student must score at the conclusion of the course, a cumulative total of at least 65% of the total allowable percentage points available for the course.

Note to Students: On any given assessment administered, you should strive to obtain a raw score of at least 65% to guarantee that you would pass the course; otherwise, you should elect to retake the quiz in an attempt to obtain a higher score before proceeding to the next quiz. You should not “blow-off” any portion of the assessments with the mindset that you will make it all up at the end. Retakes are conducted according to the posted schedule as determined by your in-class instructor, Dean Ronda Harrison. The retake schedule is posted on the course bulletin board and outside of Dean Harrison’s office.

RETAKE POLICY

1. You are **required** to score a minimum of 65% on each quiz to avoid mandatory retakes.
2. If you score under 65% on any in class quiz, then you are **required** to retake the quiz.
3. Your first retake **must** be taken prior to the next class meeting (Tuesday morning).
4. Prior to taking a retest, you **must** complete 20 Qbank questions.
5. Qbank usage is monitored. Accordingly, you will not be allowed to retake any quizzes without completing the required number of Qbank questions.
6. Failure to follow this retake policy will require a conference with Dean Harrison.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Any students needing accommodations should apply through the office of Assistant Dean Virgie Mouton (Room 223B).

PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students should strive to participate in all class discussions.

IN CLASS CONDUCT

You must turn off all of your cell phones or electronic device during class. No side talk (amongst students) of any kind is permitted while the Professor is teaching or calling the class roll unless prior permission is sought and received from the Professor. You must not leave the class room before the end of the class lecture (except to the rest room) unless prior permission is sought and received from the professor. You are prohibited from surfing the internet with your lap top or any other electronic device during class unless prior authorization is sought and received from the Professor. A violation of any of the above rules would result in the violating student(s) being excused from class.

ATTENDANCE

Section 9 of the Students Rules & Regulations provide the following:

Class attendance is required of all students. Excessive absence from classes may result in the following: (a) administrative withdrawal from the course; or (b) grade reduction of up to two letter grades in courses required to be taken in sequence (where a student may not be withdrawn from a class). Excessive absence is defined as any absence in excess of the permitted absence. (See below) "Absence" shall be defined as either a failure to attend class, or a failure to be present at the commencement of class."

You are allowed a maximum of 2 absences in this course without triggering a letter grade reduction for excessive absences.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

See your 2017 – 2018 Students Rules and Regulations for additional policies and procedures pertaining to students.



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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2017 – 2018

FALL SEMESTER 2017 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

Orientation	Monday-Friday	August 14-18, 2017
First Day of Class	Monday	August 21, 2017
Last Day to ADD/DROP	Friday	August 25, 2017
Labor Day (NO CLASSES)	Monday	September 4, 2017
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	Thursday	September 20, 2017
Mid Term Examinations	Mon – Fri	October 16-20, 2017
VETERANS DAY (NO CLASSES)	Friday	November 10, 2017 (tentative)
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thurs – Fri	November 23-24, 2017
Last Day of Classes	Thursday	November 30, 2017
Last Day to Drop a Class	Thursday	November 30, 2017
First Year Professors' Grades due	Thursday	November 30, 2017
Reading Period (NO CLASS)	Friday - Sunday	December 1-3, 2017
Final Examinations	Mon –Fri	December 4 -Dec. 15, 2017
Commencement	Saturday	December 16, 2017

SPRING SEMESTER 2018 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

School Opens	Tuesday	January 2, 2018
First Day of Class	Monday	January 8, 2018
Last Day to ADD/DROP	Friday	January 12, 2018
M L K Holiday (No Classes)	Monday	January 15, 2018
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	Wednesday	February 7, 2018
President's Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday	February 19, 2018
Mid Term Examinations	Mon – Fri	March 5– 9, 2018
Spring Break	Mon – Fri	March 12 – 16, 2018
Good Friday (No Classes)	Friday	March 30, 2018
Last Day of Classes	Wednesday	April 25, 2018
Last Day to Drop a Class	Wednesday	April 25, 2018
First Year Professors' Grades due	Wednesday	April 25, 2018
Reading Period (No Classes)	Thur. – Sun	April 26 - 29, 2018
Final Examinations	Mon- Fri	April 30 – May 11, 2018
Hooding Ceremony	Friday	May 11, 2018
Commencement	Saturday	May 12, 2018

Please note that the calendar events and /or dates are subject to change.

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1	Tues Aug 22	Introduction (Dean Aitsebaomo), handouts/text books, discuss syllabus, exams, etc.
	Tues. Aug 22	Diagnostic- Sixty questions, (Dean Harrison)
Week 2	<i>Tuesday Aug 29 NO CLASS - Hurricane Harvey</i>	<i>University closed due to natural disaster state of emergency</i> Make-up class is Friday, December 1, 2017
Week 3	Tues Sept 5	Criminal Law- Homicide (Prof. Corn) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 4	Tues Sept 12	Torts- Negligence (Prof. Barnes) <i>Substantive Review</i>
		HOMEWORK: Review the Torts outline and Torts practice problems in the Qbank
Week 5	Tues Sept 19	Quiz – Dean Harrison 25 MCQs on Negligence
	Tues Sept 19	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Barnes)

Week 6	Tues Sept 26	Civil Procedure -Jurisdiction and Venue (Prof. Otero) <i>Substantive Review</i>
		HOMEWORK: Review the Civ Pro outline and Civ Pro practice problems in the Qbank.
Week 7	Tues Oct 3	Quiz – Dean Harrison 25 MCQs on Jurisdiction and Venue
	Tues Oct 3	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Otero)
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Week 8	Tues Oct 10	Constitutional Law - Due Process / Equal Protection (Prof. Rostron) <i>Substantive Review</i>
		HOMEWORK: Review the Con Law outline and Con Law practice problems in the Obank
Week 9	Tues Oct 17	Quiz – Dean Harrison 25 MCQS on Due Process / Equal Protection
	Tues Oct 17	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Rostron)
Week 10	Tues Oct 24	Real Property - Mortgages, Land Lord/Tenant (Prof. Bracci) <i>Substantive Review</i>
		HOMEWORK: Review the Property outline and Property practice problems in the Qbank
Week 11	Tues Oct 31	Quiz – Dean Harrison 25 MCQs on Mortgages/Land Lord/Tenant
	Tues Oct 31	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Bracci)



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Week 12	Tue Nov 7	Contracts – Formation (Prof. Barnes) <i>Substantive Review</i>
		HOMEWORK: Review the Contracts outline and Contracts practice problems in the Qbank
Week 13	Tues Nov 14	Quiz – Dean Harrison. 25 MCQs on Formation
	Tues Nov 14	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Barnes)
Week 14	Tues Nov 21	Evidence- Hearsay (Prof. Otero) <i>Substantive Review</i>
		HOMEWORK: Review the Evidence outline and Evidence practice problems in the Qbank
Week 15	Tues Nov 28	Quiz – Dean Harrison 25 MCQs on Evidence
	Tues Nov 28	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Otero) HOMEWORK: View Crim Law video in preparation for the crim law quiz next week and complete 20 crim law questions in the Qbank
Week 16	Fri Dec 1	Quiz – Dean Harrison 25 MCQs on Homicide
	Fri Dec 1	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Corn).