



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

ADVANCED BAR REVIEW

LAW 982/SECTION 1

FALL SEMESTER 2019

TUESDAY 8:00 AM – 10:40 AM

ROOMS (203)

PROFESSOR HOPKINS

PROFESSOR DELATORRE

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THE PROFESSORS



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Monday 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. & 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Tuesday 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

(Class times are Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.)

Wednesday 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. & 1:00pm to 3p.m.

Thursday 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m

Friday 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. & 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Appointments are highly encouraged



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NOTE FROM THE PROFESSORS:

This course will be team-taught by 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. This semester's course book will be Kaplan Bar Review's MBE Subjects Outline Materials.

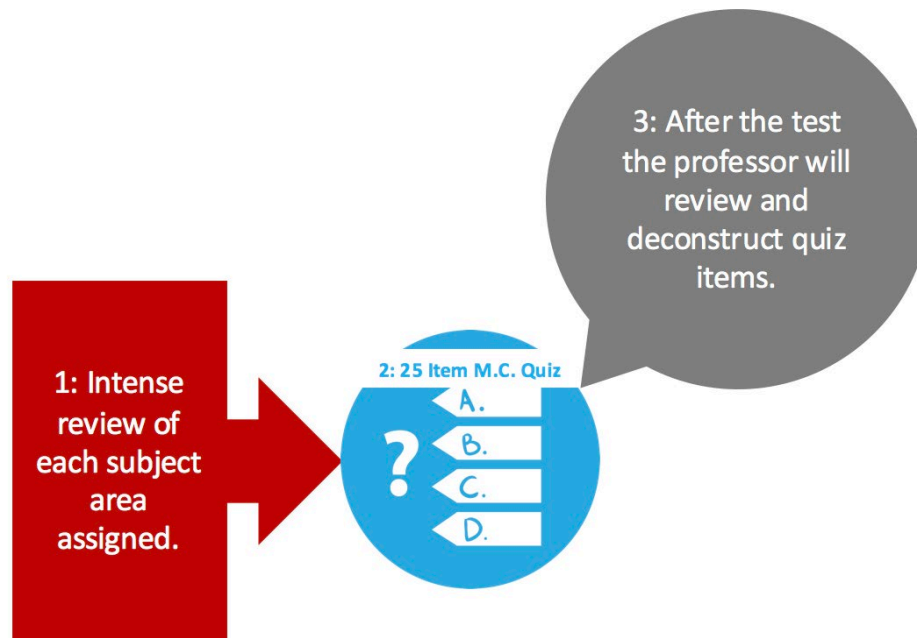
COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

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.

Following the administration of each quiz, the professor reviews and deconstructs the quiz items immediately after the administration of the quiz. 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 and One (1) final Exam. Please see the class quiz schedule below:

Month	Date/Time -All Quizzes start at 8:05am	Subject
Aug.	20 th	Introduction / Diagnostic Quiz
Sept.	3 rd	Evidence Quiz/Review
Sept.	17 th	Torts Quiz/Review
October	1 st	Constitutional Law Quiz/Review
October	15 th	Contracts Quiz/Review
October	29 th	Civ. Pro Quiz/Review
November	12 th	Property Quiz/Review
November	26 th	Criminal Law Quiz/Review



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GRADING:

This is a graded course.

Grade	Points
A	228-275
B	186-227
C	155-185
D	137-154
F	136 & Below

Quiz Scoring Example:

# Correct	Grade
17-20	B (3.0)
21-25	A (4.0)

Final Exam Scoring Example:

# Correct	Grade
67-80	B (3.0)
81-100	A (4.0)

RETAKE POLICY

1. Prior to taking a retest, you **must** complete 20 Q-bank questions.
2. Q-bank usage is monitored. Accordingly, you will not be allowed to retake any quizzes without completing the required number of Q-bank questions.
3. Even if you pass the original version of a quiz, you are still allowed to take the retake in an effort to increase your score (grade).
4. You are only allowed to take the original quiz once and the retake version of the quiz once.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Any students needing accommodation 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. An additional ten (10) points will be available, to be added to two separate quiz grades as class participation points, at the discretion of the professor, if the student meets all required participation activities set by the professor.

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."

Tardiness of more than 15 minutes is considered an absence, unless the student has contacted the instructor ahead of time to inform of the situation that has caused the tardiness.



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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

See your 2018 – 2019 Students Rules and Regulations for additional policies and procedures pertaining to students.

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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CALENDAR Fall-2019

FALL SEMESTER 2019

FIRST DAY OF CLASS	MONDAY	AUGUST 19, 2019
LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP	WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 21, 2019
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)	MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
PURGE OF ALL UNPAID COURSE SELECTIONS	WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
MID TERM EXAMINATIONS	MON – FRI	OCTOBER 14-18, 2019
LAST DAY OF CLASSES	TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 26, 2019
LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 8, 2019
FIRST YEAR PROFESSORS' GRADES DUE	TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 26, 2019
READING PERIOD (NO CLASSES)	WED	NOVEMBER 27, 2019
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	THURS.–FRI	NOVEMBER 28-29, 2019
READING PERIOD (NO CLASS)	SAT-SUN	NOVEMBER 30-DEC. 1, 2019
FINAL EXAM	MON – FRI	DECEMBER 2-DEC. 13, 2019
COMMENCEMENT	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 14, 2019

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CALENDAR EVENTS AND /OR DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1	Tues Aug. 20th	Introduction (Professor/Director Ronald Hopkins) Class discussion about the bar; study plan, goals for course, instructors, new grading scale, etc.
	Tues. Aug. 20th	Diagnostic Pretest- Sixty questions,
Week 2	Tues Aug. 27th	Evidence Hearsay (Prof. Otero) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 3	Tues Sept. 3rd	Evidence Quiz – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQs on Hearsay
	Tues. Sept. 3rd	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Otero).
Week 4	Tues Sept. 10th	Torts- Homicide (Prof. Barnes) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 5	Tues Sept. 17th	Torts Quiz – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQs on Homicide
	Tues Sept. 17th	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Barnes)

Week 6	Tues Oct. 24th	Constitutional Law- Due Process / Equal Protection (Prof. Rostron) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 7	Tues Oct. 1st	Constitutional Law Quiz – – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQS on Due Process / Equal Protection
	Oct. 1st	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Rostron)
Week 8	Tues Oct. 8th	Contracts- Formation (Prof. Barnes) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 9	Tues Oct. 15th	Contracts Quiz – – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQs on Formation
	Tues Oct. 15th	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Barnes)
Week 10	Tues Oct. 22nd	Civil Procedure- Jurisdiction and Venue (Prof. Otero) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 11	Tues Oct. 29th	Civil Procedure Quiz – – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQs on Jurisdiction and Venue
	Tues Oct. 29th	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Otero)



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Week 12	Tue Nov. 5th	Real Property- Mortgages, Land Lord/Tenant (Prof. Short) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 13	Tues Nov. 12th	Real Property Quiz – – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQs on Mortgages/Land Lord/Tenant
	Tues Nov. 12h	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Short)
Week 14	Tues Nov. 19th	Criminal Law – Negligence (Prof. Corn) <i>Substantive Review</i>
Week 15	Tues Nov. 26th	Criminal Law Quiz – – Ronald Hopkins, Esq. 25 MCQs on Negligence
	Tues Nov. 26th	Debrief 25 MCQs (Prof. Corn)