



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

A DVANCED BAR REVIEW
LAW 982/SECTION 1
FALL SEMESTER 2021
TUESDAYS 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
ROOM 202

PROFESSOR RONALD HOPKINS

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THE PROFESSORS



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OFFICE HOURS:

In Person: By Appointment

By Phone: By Appointment

By Email: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Appointments are highly encouraged

NOTE FROM THE PROFESSORS:

This course is managed and facilitated by Professors Ronald Hopkins Assistant Director for Academic Success and Bar Readiness. This course will be team-taught by professors who specialize in their area of expertise, under a bar review setting. 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 or before the first day of class. This semester's course book will be Kaplan Bar Review's MBE Subjects Outline Materials. For students residing in Houston, a convenient time will be scheduled for in person book distribution before school starts.

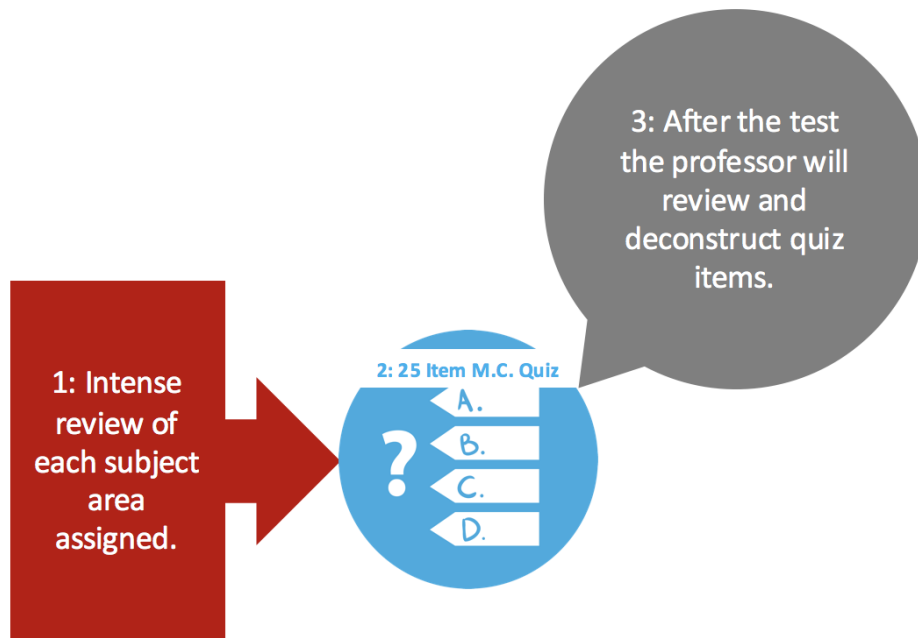
COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

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 students are expected to have acquired a minimum level of understanding of the specific subject matter modules taught, possess 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 visiting professor reviews and deconstructs the quiz items. This process is repeated for all subject areas covered in the course. Students are able to retest on all quiz subjects and the higher of the two scores will be used toward their final grade. Students electing to retest must complete a minimum of 20 practice questions prior to the retest, using the Kaplan online bank of questions.

At the conclusion of the semester, students are given a 100-item comprehensive final examination consisting of issues covered in the entire course. There will be no retesting of the Final Exam. **Apart from the in-class assessments, students must register for and work problems periodically in the Kaplan Kaptest Q-Bank database to reinforce their understanding of the material. All enrolled students will automatically be set up with a temporary student account.** 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 conditions (in addition to the Q-Bank questions).

EXAMINATIONS

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There will be Seven (7) in-class quizzes and One (1) final Exam. Please see the class quiz schedule below:

Week	Date - All Classes 8am-11am CST		Subject	Instructor
Week 3	Tuesday, August 31st	8am - 10:30am	Civ Pro Quiz + Civ Pro Quiz Review	Otero
Week 5	Tuesday, September 7th	8am-10:30am	Crimes Quiz + Crimes Quiz Review	Corn
Week 7	Tuesday, September 21st	8am-10:30am	Evidence Quiz + Evidence Quiz Review	Otero
Week 9	Tuesday, October 5th	8am-10:30am	Torts Quiz + Torts Quiz Review	Barnes
Week 11	Tuesday, October 19th	8am-10:30am	Property Quiz + Property Quiz Review	Short
Week 13	Tuesday, November 2nd	8am-10:30am	Con Law Quiz + Con Law Quiz Review	Rostron
Week 15	,Tuesday November 16th	8am-10:30am	Contracts Law Quiz + Contracts Law Quiz Review	Barnes

*** Final Exam tentative scheduled for Friday, December 3rd 9am-12pm (Rm 210)**



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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
21-25	A (4.0)
17-20	B (3.0)
13-16	C (2.0)

Final Exam Scoring (Example):

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

Final grades will include + and – of each grade level

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.
5. There will be no retakes allowed for the Final Exam.



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Any students needing accommodation should apply through the office of Assistant Dean of Students (Room 223B)

PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students should strive to participate in all class discussions. *An additional ten (10) points extra credit will be available as class participation points. The extra quiz points can be added to two separate quiz grades as class participation points, at the discretion of the professors Hopkins; assuming the student participates in all required participation activities set by the professor.*

IN CLASS CONDUCT

Students are required to bring a lap top or tablet with Wi-Fi capability to all in-class quizzes. For make-up quizzes, students will be required to download Respondus Lockdown Browser. Unfortunately, Chromebooks are not compatible with Respondus Lockdown Browser. Students must turn off all cell phones or electronic devices during class. No side talking (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. Students may 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. Students who arrive after the 15th minute of class are counted absent and students who leave before the final 15 minutes of class will be counted absent. Students are also prohibited from surfing the internet with lap tops 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 class 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." **An additional 5 points will be available for attendance. Perfect attendance will earn 5 points and 1 point will be deducted for each unexcused absence thereafter.**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HEALTH AND SAFETY ON CAMPUS

1. The University does not require COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for attending school. As a protective measure, students are encouraged to get vaccinated. The St. Luke's vaccination clinic, located on campus in the Nabrit Science Building, is open and accessible to the entire University community, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. There is no cost for the vaccination.
2. Students are expected to continuously self-screen for the symptoms of COVID-19. If you have symptoms and are not fully vaccinated, you should call the Student Health Center at (713) 313-7173. Please remember to exercise caution and be courteous of your fellow students.
3. Students who experience a medical emergency on campus should call (713) 313-7000. If off campus, call 911. Please inform the dispatch operator if you are experiencing shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, coughing, or have a fever.
4. Students who are unable to attend classes for health reasons, including those relating to COVID-19, should immediately contact the Associate Dean of Student Services, Amy Ratra (MiAmy.ratra@tsu.edu), for further guidance.
5. Students who contract the COVID-19 virus must report the information to the Associate Dean of Student Services, Amy Ratra, and the Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO), by phone at 713-313-4210 or by email at disabilityservices@tsu.edu.
6. Students who contract the COVID-19 virus will be required to quarantine under the advice of Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO). Such students are required to submit Release of Care documentation from a licensed health care professional to SASO and notify the Associate Dean of Student Services, Amy Ratra, before they return to the law school.
7. While on campus and in classrooms, students are encouraged to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the health and safety of the entire TSU community. a. Students should practice hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and general cleanliness.



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- b. Face coverings (over the nose and mouth) are not required as per the guidelines from the State of Texas. However, students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings (over the nose and mouth) while in the law school building.
- c. Students should wash or disinfect their hands before each class and after physical interaction with other persons in the classroom.
- d. Students should maintain classroom cleanliness. Students should create a clean classroom environment by putting away unnecessary personal items and cleaning their seating area intermittently.
- e. Students who do not conduct themselves on campus in a manner conducive to the health and safety of those with whom they come in contact may be subject to discipline up to expulsion from law school.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 8. Law school classes will be fully in-person this fall. The law school attendance policy will be strictly enforced.
- 9. Students who contract the COVID-19 virus will be barred from attending in-person classes until submitting Release of Care documentation from a licensed health care professional to Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO). Such students will be required to study and keep up with the prescribed readings.
- 10. Students that are excused from in-person class attendance because they contracted the COVID-19 virus should designate a student in each of their classes to make audio recordings of the lectures. Professors are required to allow such recordings to be made. Furthermore, professors are required to meet with such students to answer questions about the materials covered during their COVID-19-related absence.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

11. COVID-19 TESTING

Location: H&PE 109

Hours of Operation: No appointments are necessary. Tuesday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Results will be available within 24 hours if the test is taken by 11:30 a.m.

12. The St. Luke's vaccination clinic is open and accessible to all University personnel and community, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 7 pm in the Nabrit Science Building.

13. STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES a. Student Health Services is open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday by appointment only.



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Title IX Announcement

Texas Southern University is committed to fostering a safe learning environment. As professor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment in class. Texas Southern University and Federal Regulations (Title IX) policy prohibit discrimination based on sex and this includes sexual harassment, sexual violence and misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Texas Southern University understands that these incidents can undermine a student's academic success, so Texas Southern University encourages students who have experienced sexual conduct prohibited by university policy to report these incidents when they happen to the University's Title IX Coordinator or University Confidential Resource so that the student can get the help they may need.

It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in one-to-one meetings. I will seek to keep information you share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I also have a mandatory responsibility to notify the University's Title IX Coordinator when I become aware of incidents of prohibited conduct that violate the university's Title IX policy.

Students may speak confidentially to the University Counseling Center. Please feel free to visit their website www.tsu.edu/ucc for more information about their services. Also, students may speak with the University's Title IX Coordinator by calling 713.313.1371 or emailing titleix@tsu.edu.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2021 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

ORIENTATION: MONDAY-FRIDAY AUGUST 9-13, 2021

FIRST DAY OF CLASS MONDAY: AUGUST 16, 2021

LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2021

LABOR DAY: (NO CLASSES) MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

PURGE OF ALL UNPAID COURSE SELECTIONS: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

MID TERM EXAMINATIONS: MON – FRI OCTOBER 11-15, 2021

LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2021

LAST DAY OF CLASSES: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2021

FIRST YEAR PROFESSORS' GRADES DUE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2021

READING PERIOD: WED NOVEMBER 24, 2021

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: THURS – FRI NOVEMBER 25-26, 2021

READING PERIOD: SAT- SUN NOVEMBER 27-28, 2021

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: MONDAY - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29-DEC. 10, 2021

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: SATURDAY DECEMBER 11, 2021



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Class Schedule

Week	Date - All Classes 8am-10:30am CST		Subject	Instructor
Week 1	Tuesday, August 17th	8-10:30am	Course Intro + Syllabus Review + Diagnostic	Hopkins
Week 2	Tuesday, August 24th	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation #1 CIV PRO Lecture	Otero
Week 3	Tuesday, August 31st	8-10:30am	Civ Pro Quiz + Civ Pro Quiz Review	Otero
Week 4	Tuesday, September 7th	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation Subject #2 <u>CRIMES Lecture</u>	Corn
Week 5	Tuesday, September 14th	8-10:30am	Crimes Quiz + Crimes Quiz Review	Corn
Week 6	Tuesday, September 21st	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation Subject #3 <u>EVIDENCE Lecture</u>	Otero
Week 7	Tuesday, September 28th	8-10:30am	Evidence Quiz + Evidence Quiz Review	Otero
Week 8	Tuesday, October 5th	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation Subject #4 <u>TORTS Lecture</u>	Barnes
Week 9	Tuesday, October 12th	8-10:30am	Torts Quiz + Torts Quiz Review	Barnes
Week 10	Tuesday, October 19th	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation Subject #5 <u>PROPERTY Lecture</u>	Short
Week 11	Tuesday, October 26th	8-10:30am	Property Quiz + Property Quiz Review	Short
Week 12	Tuesday, November 2nd	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation Subject #6 <u>CONSTITUTIONAL LAW Lecture</u>	Rostron
Week 13	Tuesday, November 9th	8-10:30am	Con Law Quiz + Con Law Quiz Review	Rostron
Week 14	Tuesday, November 16th	8-10:30am	MBE Presentation Subject #6 <u>CONTRACTS Lecture</u>	Barnes
Week 15	Tuesday, November 23 rd	8-10:30am	Contracts Quiz + Contracts Quiz Review	Barnes

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