

University of Florida MBE Foundation Course

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Course Description

This is a rigorous two credit course surveying all the MBE subjects. In addition, the course addresses numerous techniques to answer MBE styled multiple choice questions correctly under timed closed-book conditions. To pass the course, students should devote a minimum of two out-of-class hours to prepare for every in-class hour of instruction. To prepare for class properly, students will need to read actively before class, review their notes after class, answer assigned multiple choice questions correctly, and conduct self-reflection to correct any errors made to ensure that those errors are not repeated. **This course does not (and cannot) replace the need for a full bar review course; you must take a full bar review course prior to the bar exam to prepare adequately for passage.**

Required Course Materials

Adaptibar (information about how to purchase it will be posted on Canvas and discussed in class) and other materials as distributed by the professors.

Recommended Materials

Check the NCBE website to better understand the requirements of the MBE. That site lists in detail the areas tested by the MBE. Also be sure to visit the Florida Board of Bar Examiner's website to understand how the MBE fits into the overall exam. If you are taking a bar exam outside of Florida, be sure to visit that state's website.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the course, student skill, knowledge, and confidence for multiple-choice questions in MBE subjects should increase dramatically. At the end of each subject, students should be able to dissect multiple-choice questions through issue spotting and analysis.

Specific Skills: Students should be able to approach multiple-choice questions in a methodical, analytical, and confident manner by the time the course is completed. Test taking, issue spotting, and time management are critical to MBE success and anchor the course.

Specific Knowledge: Students should know and understand the most heavily tested topics on the MBE by the time the course is completed.

Student Confidence: Students should feel increased confidence after completing real MBE practice questions. Moreover, students will be exposed to approaches, techniques, and strategies to increase performance. Finally, “in class” question deconstruction provides opportunities to see how questions are assembled allowing for quicker, more focused analysis.

Measurable Outcomes

Student learning will be assessed through assignments, exams, and online question sets. Quizzes, a midterm, and a final will provide periodic benchmarks to compare performance increases. Moreover, students can use feedback to see where they need to strengthen their performance, thereby increasing their chances of success on the MBE.

Workload Expectations

ABA OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS REQUIREMENTS: ABA Standard 310 requires that students devote 120 minutes to out-of-class preparation for every “classroom hour” of in-class instruction. Each weekly class is approximately two hours in length, requiring four hours of out of class preparation. This should be a combination of reading for class, reviewing your notes after class, completing multiple choice questions, and reviewing common test-taking errors.

UF Levin College of Law Standard Syllabus Policies

Other information about UF Levin College of Law policies, including compliance with the UF Honor Code, Grading, Accommodations, Class Recordings, and Course Evaluations can be found at this link: <https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/427635/files/74674656?wrap=1>

Class Preparation & Attendance

Students are expected to have completed the assigned materials on a weekly basis as each Module is published for review. Class discussion will commence with the assumption that everyone is thoroughly familiar with the assigned materials.

Please be sure to register for the Canvas course and have any required materials with you in print or easily accessible electronic form in class. You are responsible for checking your Canvas page and the e-mail connected to the page on a regular basis for any class announcements or adjustments.

Statement of Reasonable Accommodations

Students with documented disabilities may contact the Office of Disability Services to arrange for reasonable accommodations.

Grading Criteria and Evaluation

Students will receive a grade in the course that will be determined in accordance with the Levin College of Law's mean and mandatory distributions posted on the College's website. The grade will be based on the following; 40% - Midterm Score, 50% - Final Score, 10% - timely completion of Adaptibar Quizzes.

Office Hours for Professor Grossman

You may meet with Professor Grossman at any time via zoom, or phone without prior appointment, but you are highly encouraged to schedule an appointment.

COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Week

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| 1 | Introduction to the Florida Bar Exam
Lecture –TORTS
Assignment – memorize class notes |
| 2 | MBE Practice Questions Torts
Adaptibar Torts Assignment |
| 3 | Lecture - Criminal Law/Procedure
Assignment – memorize Criminal Law notes, review Torts rules |
| 4 | MBE Questions Practice Questions Criminal Law/Procedure
Adaptibar Criminal Law Assignment |
| 5 | Lecture-Federal Constitutional Law
Assignment- memorize Con Law rules, and review Torts, and Crim law rules |

- 6 MBE Practice Questions - Federal Con Law
Adaptibar Con law Assignment
- 7 MIDTERM – 33 Questions on Adaptibar covering Torts, Criminal Law and Con Law

Lecture – Contracts
Assignment – memorize Contracts rules, and review Torts, Criminal, and Con Law
- 8 MBE Practice Questions- Contracts
Adaptibar Contracts Assignment
- 9 Lecture – Property
Assignment – memorize Property rules, review Torts, Crim, Con Law and Contracts
- 10 MBE Practice Questions - Property
Adaptibar Property Assignment
- 11 Lecture-Evidence
Memorize Evidence rules, review Torts, Crim, Con Law, Contracts and Property
- 12 MBE Practice Questions - Evidence
Adaptibar Evidence Assignment
- 13 Lecture- Civil Procedure
Assignment- memorize Civ Pro rules, review Torts, Crim, Con Law, Contracts,
Property and Evidence
- 14 MBE Practice Questions- Civil Procedure
Adaptibar Civil Procedure Assignment

Review Lecture

Final Exam- 50 Questions covering all seven MBE Topics