

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
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Course Syllabus: Multistate Bar Law & Skills, Section 301
Class Meets: Monday and Wednesday from 3:20 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Rm. 255
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Office Hours: Appointment only

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to prepare you for bar exam by focusing on skill development. Specifically, you will receive in-depth skill instruction on reading comprehension, issue identification, rule mastery, critical thinking, legal analysis and recognition of distractors. You will also gain a strong conceptual understanding and knowledge of highly tested doctrines and will be taught how to develop, use, and apply a flexible but strong analytical framework to solve bar exam problems.

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS, ATTENDANCE POLICY AND GRADING

- A. You are expected to complete the reading and homework assignments **prior to each class**. This will include uploading completed assignments to the Matrix course site. You may be given additional assignments during class. Your Professor reserves the right to change assignments with sufficient notice.
- B. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO REGULARLY AND PROMPTLY ATTEND ALL CLASS MEETINGS. PROOF OF CLASS ATTENDANCE WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY SIGNING THE DAILY ATTENDANCE SHEET OR BY THE PROFESSOR TAKING ROLL. AFTER THE PROFESSOR CALLS ROLL, CLASS WILL BEGIN. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE CLASSROOM AT THAT POINT. AS THIS COURSE REQUIRES REGULAR ATTENDANCE AND IN-CLASS PARTICIPATION, ANY STUDENT WHO MISSES MORE THAN SIX (6) CLASSES WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC "F" GRADE FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS.**
- C. All Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct rules apply to this course. See <http://law.famu.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-handbook/>
- D. Grading for this class will be based on a point system, with 410 maximum points available. Please see the chart below for the point/grade allocation.

250 points	Final Exam – Your final exam will consist of 100 multiple-choice questions. The subject matter for the exam will be the material covered in the outlines, information included in your lecture notes, and course materials, dating from the beginning of class.
50 points	Midterm Exam – You will be given a midterm exam which will consist of multiple-choice questions. The subject matter for the exam will be the material covered in the outlines, information included in your lecture notes, and course materials, dating from the beginning of class.
50 points	Graded Assignments – Completion of all AMP modules outside of class. Each BarBri AMP module must be completed online. The professor will be able to track each student's progress to ensure all modules are completed, so ensure that they are completed when scheduled.
50 points	The professor will give five (5) quizzes during the semester, worth 10 points each. There will be no makeup examinations for these quizzes. If you are not present in class, you will receive a zero on that quiz. Quizzes will be multiple choice question form.
Bonus	Lecture Handouts – You will be given an additional 10 points for submitting proof that all videos have been viewed by providing an outline of the substance of each video.

- E. Final Exam is scheduled for TBD.

III. COURSE BINDER

Each of you will receive a course binder containing reading assignments, homework assignments, and other materials. As detailed below, there are daily pre-class assignments, including **assignments that you must complete prior to the first day of class**.

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IV. COURSE SITE

There is an online classroom component for this course called Matrix. This is where you will submit assignments. You will receive an e-mail with log in information to access the Matrix course page prior to the first day of class. If you did not receive an e-mail, please contact your Professor. You can access the course site at: <https://barbri.matrixlms.com/>

V. CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Monday August 8 th	<u>Topic:</u> Introduction and 50 Question MBE Pre-test <u>In class:</u> 50 Question Pre-Test
Wednesday August 10 th	Movie: A Lawyer Walks Into a Bar
Monday August 15 th	<u>Topic:</u> Introduction to Systematic Problem Solving <u>In class:</u> Introduction to Systematic Problem Solving <u>Assignment after class:</u> Read Contracts and watch online lecture in preparation for discussion and skills building on Contracts MBE questions. Answer Contracts MBE question Initial Quiz. Upload to Matrix before class on 8/17
Wednesday August 17 th	<u>Topic:</u> Contracts <u>In class:</u> Contracts skills building and substantive lectures using 17 MBE Contracts questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Review Contracts outline and review online lecture
Monday August 22 th	<u>Topic:</u> Contracts <u>In class:</u> Discuss MBE Pre-test; Contracts skills building and substantive lectures using 17 MBE Contracts questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Complete Contracts AMP questions: <i>Offer and Acceptance</i> module Complete Contracts AMP questions: <i>Defense</i> module
Wednesday August 24 th	<u>Topic:</u> Contracts <u>In class:</u> Complete Contracts MBE Retention Building Quiz <u>Assignment after class:</u> Complete Contracts AMP questions: <i>Remedies</i> module
Monday August 29 st	<u>Topic:</u> Contracts <u>In class:</u> Contracts skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Contracts Retention Building Quiz questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Read outline on Hearsay and watch online Hearsay lecture
Wednesday August 31 st	<u>Topic:</u> Contracts <u>In class:</u> Contracts skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Contracts Retention Building Quiz Questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Review outline on Hearsay and review online Hearsay lecture Answer Evidence MBE questions Initial Quiz. Upload to Matrix before class on 9/7
Monday Sept. 5 th	Labor Day
Wednesday Sept. 7 th	<u>Topic:</u> Evidence <u>In class:</u> Evidence skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Evidence Quiz questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Begin Evidence AMP questions: <i>Hearsay</i> module
Monday Sept. 12 th	<u>Topic:</u> Evidence <u>In class:</u> Evidence skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Evidence Quiz questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Continue Evidence AMP questions: <i>Hearsay</i> module
Wednesday Sept. 14 th	<u>Topic:</u> Evidence <u>In class:</u> Complete Evidence Retention Building Quiz <u>Assignment after class:</u> Continue Evidence AMP questions: <i>Hearsay</i> module
Monday Sept. 19 th	<u>Topic:</u> Evidence <u>In class:</u> Evidence skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Evidence

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	Retention Building Quiz questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Complete Contracts and Evidence (Hearsay) AMP modules
Wednesday Sept. 21 st	<u>Topic:</u> Evidence <u>In class:</u> Evidence skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Evidence Retention Building Quiz questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Prepare for midterm on Contracts and Evidence
Monday Sept. 26 th	<u>Topic:</u> Midterm Exam <u>In class:</u> Midterm on Contracts and Evidence <u>Assignment after class:</u> Read Torts Outline and watch online Torts lecture
Wednesday Sept. 28 th	<u>Topic:</u> Midterm Exam Review <u>In class:</u> Midterm on Contracts and Evidence <u>Assignment after class:</u> Review Torts outline for Negligence and Products Liability and watch online torts lecture Answer Torts MBE questions: take no more than 31 minutes, complete and upload to Matrix by start of class on 9/31
Monday October 3 rd	<u>Topic:</u> Torts <u>In class:</u> Torts skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Torts questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Begin Torts AMP: <i>Duty of Care, Breach and Causation, and Strict Liability, Damages and Defense</i> modules
Wednesday October 5 th	<u>Topic:</u> Torts <u>In class:</u> Torts skill building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Torts questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Complete Torts AMP: <i>Duty of Care, Breach and Causation, and Strict Liability, Damages and Defense</i> modules Complete Torts Retention Building Quiz (submit online)
Monday October 10 th	<u>Topic:</u> Torts <u>In class:</u> Torts skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Torts Retention Building Quiz questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Read Criminal Law outline and watch online lectures
Wednesday October 12 th	<u>Topic:</u> Torts <u>In class:</u> Torts skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Torts Retention Building Quiz questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Review Criminal Law outline and online lectures Answer Criminal Law MBE questions: take no more than 31 minutes, complete and upload to Matrix by start of class on Monday, 10/24
Monday October 17 th	<u>Topic:</u> Criminal Law <u>In class:</u> Criminal Law skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Criminal Law Quiz questions, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Begin BARBRI AMP Criminal Law <i>Arrest, Search and Seizure</i> module
Wednesday October 19 th	<u>Topic:</u> Criminal Law <u>In class:</u> Criminal Law skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Criminal Law Quiz questions, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Continue BARBRI AMP Criminal Law <i>Arrest, Search and Seizure</i> module
Monday October 24 th	<u>Topic:</u> Criminal Law <u>In class:</u> Complete Criminal Law Retention Building Quiz <u>Assignment after class:</u> Complete BARBRI AMP Criminal Law <i>Arrest, Search and Seizure</i> module
Wednesday October 26 th	<u>Topic:</u> Criminal Law <u>In class:</u> Criminal Law skill building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Criminal Law Retention Building quiz, Part I <u>Assignment after class:</u> Read Property outline and watch online lectures
Monday October 31 st	<u>Topic:</u> Criminal Law <u>In class:</u> Criminal Law Skill building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Criminal Law Retention Building quiz, Part II <u>Assignment after class:</u> Review Property outline and online lectures

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	Answer Property MBE questions: take no more than 31 minutes, complete and upload to Matrix by start of class on Wednesday, 11/9	
Wednesday Nov. 2 nd	<u>Topic:</u> <u>In class:</u> <u>Assignment after class:</u>	Property Property skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Property Quiz questions, Part I Begin AMP <i>Landlord & Tenant; Fixtures and Real Covenants & Equitable Servitudes</i> modules
Monday Nov. 7 th	<u>Topic:</u> <u>In class:</u> <u>Assignment after class:</u>	Property Property skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Property Quiz questions, Part II Continue AMP <i>Landlord & Tenant; Fixtures and Real Covenants & Equitable Servitudes</i> modules
Wednesday Nov. 9 th	<u>Topic:</u> <u>In class:</u> <u>Assignment after class:</u>	Property Complete Property Retention Building Quiz Complete AMP <i>Landlord & Tenant; Fixtures and Real Covenants & Equitable Servitudes</i> modules
Monday Nov. 14 th	<u>Topic:</u> <u>In class:</u> <u>Assignment after class:</u>	Property Property skills building and substantive lecture using 17 MBE Property Retention Building Quiz questions, Part I Ensure all BARBRI AMP Modules are done. Must be completed no later than 11/15
Tuesday Nov. 15 th	<u>Topic:</u> <u>In class:</u> <u>Assignment after class:</u>	Property Property skills building and substantive lectures using 17 MBE Property Retention Building Quiz questions, Part II Final Exam review and preparation Final Exam Preparation
Monday Nov. 30 th	TBD	

VI. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement

Individuals who need a reasonable accommodation must notify and send appropriate documentation to the Center for Disability Access and Resources (CeDAR), 667 Ardelia Court, Tallahassee, FL 32307; ATTN Dr. Dannette Saylor. Fax: (850) 561-2513. Phone: (850) 599-3180.

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