

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW YORK BAR

Skills Competency Requirement and Professional Values Bar Admission Requirement

Section 520.18 to the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR 520.18) requires applicants seeking admission in New York to establish that they have acquired skills and professional values necessary to competently practice law. Applicants may satisfy this requirement by completing one of five separate pathways described in section 520.18.

JD Students

For all JD students, the IU Maurer School of Law relies on Pathway (1). We have developed a plan identifying and incorporating into our curriculum the skills and professional values that, in our judgment, are required for our graduates' basic competence and ethical participation in the legal profession.

All J.D. Students must complete the following coursework

1. J.D. Orientation, which includes a lecture on the nature of the profession, a lecture on the notion of professionalism, and a professionalism oath
2. 1L Legal Research and Writing (2 credits Fall, 2 Credits Spring for 4 total)
3. 6 additional credits of experiential courses as required by ABA Standard 303(a)
4. 4 credits of Professional Responsibility
5. An upper-level course where writing forms the basis of instructions (2-4 credits)
6. Many traditional doctrinal courses contain skill-enhancing components, such as a motion in limine argument in evidence, a mock deposition in civil procedure, or a child support balancing sheet in family law.
7. The summer after first-year classes, many students volunteer or participate in externships in judicial chambers and non-profit pro bono organizations that offer them exposure to courtrooms and experience in legal research and writing.

8. Extracurricular activities, such as the Tenants' Assistance Program, The Inmate Legal Assistance program, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and the Protective Order Project offer Muarer students practical skills and reinforce professionalis,

LLM Students

For our graduate LLM students, some will qualify under Pathway 5, which provides that an applicant who has practiced in a jurisdiction full-time for a year or part-time for two years will meet the skills competency and professional values requirement.

Others will qualify under Pathway 4, which requires a complete a six-month full-time paid or unpaid apprenticeship in a law office in the United States, supervised by an licensed attorney in good standing, who has been in practice for more than two years.

Alternatively, foreign-educated LLM students, we have a Pathway 1 course, similar to the JD. Some of these overlap with the 12 credits required by Rule 520.6, and the courses that overlap will be marked with a *

1. Attendance at J.D. Orientation for the portion that includes a lecture on the nature of the profession, a lecture on the notion of professionalism, and a professionalism oath
2. Legal Research and Writing (2 credits)
3. Mediation for International Students
4. Transactional Drafting
5. 3 credits of Professional Responsibility, with a focus on the Global Legal Profession
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Mandatory 50-Hour Pro Bono Requirement

All candidates seeking admission after January 1, 2015, with the exception of admission on motion candidates, will need to file documentation showing that they have completed 50 hours of qualifying pro bono work, as required by [Rule 520.16 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals](#).

Indiana University Maurer School of Law's Access to Justice provides an easy way to track pro bono hours and comply with the New York mandate. Our school's aspirational requirement is 60 hours of pro bono.

For further information regarding the implementation and requirements of the new rule, please visit <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionreqs.shtml>.

Special Course and Exam

New York Law Course (NYLC)

The NYLC is an online, on demand course on important and unique aspects of New York law in the subjects of Administrative Law, Business Relationships, Civil Practice and Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Matrimonial and Family Law, Professional Responsibility, Real Property, Torts and Tort Damages, and Trusts, Wills and Estates. The NYLC consists of approximately 15 hours of videotaped lectures with embedded questions that must be answered correctly before an applicant can continue viewing the lecture.

New York Law Exam (NYLE)

The NYLE is also currently being developed by the Board of Law Examiners. The NYLE will be a 50 item multiple choice test, offered four times per year. The dates and times of administration as well as the registration deadlines can be found at: <https://www.nybarexam.org/ExamDates/ExamDates.html>. Applicants must complete the NYLC before they can take the NYLE. The NYLE will be an open book test. An applicant who fails the NYLE will be required to retake both the NYLC and the NYLE.

Twelve Required Credits for LLM (some of which overlap with the Skills Competency Requirement)

Intro to American Law (2 credits)

Research and Writing (2 Credits)

Global Legal Profession (3 Credits)

At least six credits in subjects tested on the New York bar