

Uniform Bar Examination

What are the components of the UBE?

The Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) is administered twice a year (end of February and July) over the course of two days and consists of the following 3 parts:

Day One – Tuesday for 6 hours:

1. **Multistate Performance Test (MPT)** - 20% of total score
 - Two writing projects
 - 3 hours
2. **Multistate Essay Examination (MEE)** – 30% of total score
 - Six essays
 - 3 hours

Day Two – Wednesday for 6 hours:

1. **Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)** – 50% of total score
 - 100 questions in morning for 3 hours
 - 100 questions in afternoon for 3 hours

What does the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) cover?

The Multistate Performance Test (MPT) is designed to test an applicant's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation by completing a task which a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish. The MPT consists of two 90-minute problems, in which the examinee is furnished with a file of source documents and a library of research material to be used in accomplishing the designated task. The MPT requires examinees to:

- (1) sort detailed factual materials and separate relevant facts;
- (2) analyze statutory, case, and administrative materials for principles of law;
- (3) apply the law to the relevant facts in a manner likely to resolve a client's problem;
- (4) identify and resolve ethical dilemma, when present;
- (5) communicate effectively in writing;
- (6) complete a lawyering task within time restraints.

In addition to Legal Research & Writing, clinics, externships, and a variety of other courses provide opportunities to develop these skills.

What is the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE)?

The Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) is a full day, 200 question multiple-choice exam administered in all but two jurisdictions (Louisiana and Puerto Rico) on the last Wednesday of each February and July. The MBE consists of the following subject areas:

- (1) Contracts,
- (2) Torts,
- (3) Constitutional Law,
- (4) Real Property,

- (5) Evidence,
- (6) Civil Procedure,
- (7) Criminal Law, and
- (8) Criminal Procedure.

For more information on the MBE's scope of coverage, see the **MBE Subject Matter Outline** at <http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F226>. With the exception of Evidence, the vast majority of the content tested on the MBE is covered in your first-year courses. Several subjects, however, may include questions covered in specific upper-class courses. In addition to required first-year courses, students are encouraged to take an additional course in one or more subject areas.

What is covered on the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)?

The Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) consists of six 30-minute essay questions and is administered on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in February and July of each year. The purpose of the MEE is to test the examinee's ability to:

- (1) identify legal issues raised by a hypothetical factual situation;
- (2) separate material which is relevant from that which is not;
- (3) present a reasoned analysis of the relevant issues in a clear, concise, and well-organized composition;
- (4) demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental legal principles relevant to the probable solution of the issues raised by the factual situation; and
- (5) demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively in writing.

The MEE tests all the MBE subject areas as well as the following additional subjects:

- (1) Business Associations;
- (2) Conflict of Laws;
- (3) Family Law;
- (4) Secured Transactions; and
- (5) Trusts and Estates.

For more information on the scope of coverage, see the **MEE Subject Matter Outline** at <http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F227>.

