

# Choosing SLU LAW Courses for the Illinois Bar Exam

## Must Haves for the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE):

- The MBE is the second day of the Illinois Bar Exam and is the multiple choice day of the exam.
- It makes up 50% of the score for the Illinois Bar Exam.
- The MBE subjects are also tested on the Multistate Essay Exam and Illinois Essay Exam, the essay portions of the bar exam. In other words, these classes double your money in terms of preparation.
- Much of the MBE subject areas are covered in the required first-year curriculum.
- However, there are some areas that are heavily tested on the MBE that are covered in upper-level electives. These are:
  - **Evidence** – An entire subject area on the MBE (33/200 questions)
  - **Constitutional Law II** – 50% of the Constitutional Law questions on the MBE
  - **Criminal Procedure: Investigation** – 40% of the Criminal Law questions on the MBE

## Must Haves for the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE):

- The MEE makes up part of essay portion of the Illinois Bar Exam.
- It makes up approximately 30% of the score for the Illinois Bar Exam.
- Based on a review of the most heavily tested subjects on the MEE, and considering the difficulty of the subject areas to pick up for the first time on the bar exam, the following upper-level electives are strongly recommended for students:
  - **Business Associations**
  - **Secured Transactions**
  - **Trusts and Estates**

## Must Haves for the Illinois Essay Questions:

- The Illinois Bar Exam also has three Illinois Essay Questions, based on Illinois state law.
- These questions make up approximately 17% of the score for the Illinois Bar Exam.
- The following upper-level electives are tested on the Illinois Essay Questions:
  - **Administrative Law**
  - **Remedies**
  - **Commercial Transactions**
  - **Taxation**

# AREAS OF LAW TESTED ON THE ILLINOIS BAR EXAM

IL Bar Exam Subject	Related SLU Law Courses
Administrative Law	Administrative Law
Business Associations	Business Associations
Conflict of Laws	Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law	<i>Constitutional Law I</i> <b>Constitutional Law II</b> <b>First Amendment</b>
Contracts	<i>Contracts I and II</i> Remedies
Criminal Law and Procedure	<i>Criminal Law</i> <b>Criminal Procedure: Investigation</b> <b>Criminal Procedure: Adjudication</b>
Equity	Remedies
Evidence	<b>Evidence</b>
Family Law	Family Law
Federal Civil Procedure	<i>Civil Procedure I and II</i> Federal Courts
Illinois Civil Practice	None
Illinois Constitutional Law	None
Illinois Suretyship	None
Personal Property	<i>Property</i>
Real Property	<i>Property</i> <b>Real Estate Transactions</b>
Taxation	<b>Taxation</b>
Torts	<i>Torts</i> Remedies
Trusts and Estates	<b>Trusts and Estates</b>
Uniform Commercial Code	<b>Commercial Transactions</b> <b>Secured Transactions</b>

*Classes in italics are required first-year courses.*

**Classes in bold are considered priorities for bar exam preparation.**