

Academic Success and Bar Preparation Policy
Adopted Mar. 7, 2018
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except that II(c) is effective Mar. 7, 2018)

Preparing students to take and pass the bar is an important consideration in the design of the law school curriculum. The faculty has observed that there is a strong correlation between a student's grade point average ("gpa") and the likelihood that they will pass the bar. This policy takes certain steps to ensure that every student has the best chance to pass the bar and become a successful practitioner. The policy establishes the following requirements for (1) all students and (2) for students who may have a higher risk of not passing the bar.

- I. All students shall attend the following:
 - a) Academic Skills Lab (1L)
 - b) Introduction to the Bar Exam (1L)
 - c) Character and Fitness Presentation and Introduction to Bar Application (2L year) and
 - d) Bar Preparation Advising (3L year).

- II. All students shall satisfy the following requirements as applicable:
 - a) Students with a cumulative gpa that is less than 2.8 at the end of their 1L year shall, as a condition of graduation, complete the following classes:
 - i. Advanced Torts (2 hours)
 - ii. Advanced Legal Analysis (2L year; 2 hours)
 - iii. Criminal Procedure I (3 hours)
 - iv. Constitutional Law II (3 hours) and
 - v. Evidence (3 hours).

 - b) Students with a cumulative gpa that is less than 2.8 at the end of their 2L year shall, as a condition of graduation, complete the Bar Skills class.

 - c) Students with a cumulative gpa that is less than 2.8 at the end of their 1L year shall receive academic advising prior to class enrollment each term (effective immediately).