

**Academic Success and Bar Preparation Policy Adopted February 14, 2024  
(effective for students matriculating in 2024 except that Part V.C. is effective immediately)**

**[NOTE: This replaces the Academic Success and Bar Preparation Policy adopted in March 2018 (<https://law.olemiss.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Academic-Success-and-Bar-Preparation.pdf>)]**

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 ("G.P.A.") 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.

**I. Summer Class**

Students who are identified as potentially having a higher risk of not passing the bar will be encouraged to take a summer class that will be designed to help prepare them for law school. The Law School will attempt to limit the cost of this class in order to make it accessible for all students.

**II. Orientation**

Orientation for 1L students will be expanded to include coverage of a variety of topics that will help prepare entering students for their classes.

**III. Exams and Other Assessments**

Faculty are encouraged to give students closed book, timed exams and other assessments that simulate the questions and testing conditions of the Bar Exam.

**IV. Required Courses**

In addition to the required 1L courses, the following courses will be required for all students:

1. Evidence
2. Legal Profession
3. Bar Exam Prep I (required 2L year)
4. Bar Exam Prep II (required 3L year)

**V. Academic Support**

- a. Students who finish the Fall Semester of their 1L year below a 2.8 G.P.A. will be required to participate in workshops, academic counseling, and advising as determined by the faculty.

- b.** Students who finish their 1L year below a 2.8 G.P.A. must, as a condition of graduation:
  - i.** Take Writing for the Bar Exam
  - ii.** Participate in workshops, academic counseling, and advising during their 2L and 3L years as determined by the faculty. Students who raise their G.P.A. above a 2.8 at the end of their 2L year will be excused from this requirement for their 3L year.
- c.** Students in the Class of 2027 who finish their 1L year below a 2.8 G.P.A. must, as a condition of graduation, take Writing for the Bar Exam (instead of Advanced Legal Analysis) and participate in workshops, academic counseling, and advising as determined by the faculty. The other requirements of the 2018 Academic Success and Bar Preparation Policy are no longer in effect.