

Student Guide to
the Civil Law
Studies Certificate
and the Louisiana
Bar Exam

Civil Law Certificate

Requirements:

- Civil Law Obligations (Fall 2023, Fall 2024), 3 credits
(This course is **required** for all students in the certificate program)
- + 12 additional credits selected from the Civil Law Courses:
 - Louisiana Civil Procedure (Fall 2023), 3 credits
 - Civil Law Successions & Donations (Spring 2024), 3 credits
 - Matrimonial Regimes (Spring 2025), 2 credits
 - Civil Law Sales and Leases (Spring 2024, 3 credits
 - Civil Law of Persons and Family (Spring 2024), 3 credits
 - Civil Law Property (Spring 2025), 3 credits
 - Louisiana Security Devices (Spring 2025), 3 credits
 - Louisiana Mineral Law (Fall 2024), 3 credits (non-bar course)

You must receive at least a C in each course counted toward the certificate.

At the present time, no formal application is required, but we may implement one soon. Currently, you need only to advise Ms. Burnett that you are eligible for the certificate early in the semester in which you plan to graduate. She will then audit your transcript to see if you are eligible and take care of the details for awarding the certificate.

A total of 15 credits is required for the certificate. However, you should take as many of the courses that will be tested on the Louisiana Bar exam as your schedule permits. You should consult Dean McIntosh as you consider your course schedule in connection with preparing for the Louisiana Bar Exam.

Louisiana Bar Exam

- Website:

<https://www.lascba.org/BarExam/Default.aspx>

You should check this website out carefully to determine when you should register for the bar exam, requirements for character and fitness, etc.

Subjects Tested on the Bar Exam & Corresponding Courses at MC Law

Civil Code I

- Persons and family law -- **Civil Law of Persons and Family**
- Matrimonial regimes & community property – **Matrimonial Regimes**
- Property law – **Civil Law Property**
- Conflict of Laws (general provisions and related to marriage and community property) – **Conflict of Laws** or as covered in **Family Law & Matrimonial Regimes**
- Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure – **Louisiana Civil Procedure** and as covered in other courses (**Civil Law Property, Family Law, etc.**)

Code II

- Intestate successions, testate successions, donations inter vivos, Louisiana Trust Code – **Civil Law Successions & Donations**

Code III

- Obligations including contracts; sale & exchange; lease, mandate, deposit, compromise and security rights, including mortgages, pledges, privileges and suretyships; liberative prescription; and conflict of laws– **Civil Law Obligations; Civil Law Sales & Leases; Louisiana Security Devices; Conflict of Laws; Civil Law of Property**

Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure and ancillary statutes –
Louisiana Civil Procedure

Torts – **Torts I, Torts II, Products Liability, Advanced Torts, Workers' Compensation**

Louisiana tort law is statutorily based and has its foundation in civil law. However, since the jurisprudence applying the tort articles in the code and in the Revised Statutes is heavily influenced by American common law, Louisiana tort law is similar to other American jurisdictions, your tort courses together with bar prep courses should be sufficient to prepare you for the torts portion of the exam.

Business Entities and Negotiable Instruments

This exam covers corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, registered limited liability partnerships, and mandate (agency) – **Business Associations I, Agency**

Business Associations I covers the Model Corporations Act, which Louisiana has adopted. Other kinds of entities such as partnerships and limited liability companies are covered in the course, but you will need to learn Louisiana law on governing partnerships and the law of representation and mandate, to the extent the law of Louisiana differs from other American jurisdictions, through your bar review course.

Note: Articles 9 and 3 & 4 of the UCC as adopted in Louisiana are not tested on the bar exam, but is nevertheless recommended, particularly Article 9 (**Secured Transactions and Creditors Rights**).

Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence – **Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence**

Louisiana has a Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Evidence Code. The law of Louisiana is nevertheless very similar to the law of other states and, of course, must meet U. S. Constitutional requirements.

Constitutional Law – **Constitutional Law, First Amendment**

Constitutional Law is required for graduation. First Amendment is recommended as the Louisiana bar exam often tests on 1st Amendment issues.

Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure – **Civil Procedure I, Civil Procedure II, Federal Courts, Removal Jurisdiction, Federal Pretrial Practice**

MPRE (Multistate Bar Exam on Ethics) – **Professional Responsibility and Ethics** (required for graduation).