

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW  
MULTISTATE BAR TOPICS COURSE  
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**Office Hours:** Mondays 2:30 – 4:00pm & Thursdays 1:00 – 2:30pm. You may also make an appointment with Prof. Ruff for another time.

**MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

This class will meet on seven Fridays during the semester, beginning on Friday, January 11, from 8:30am to 12:30pm in HOL 180. See the Course Schedule below.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

All students are required to purchase an instructional material called AdaptiBar no later than January 16, 2019. AdaptiBar is an online database that contains hundreds of licensed Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) questions and explanations for correct answers for the seven MBE subject areas. Students will complete weekly assignments of AdaptiBar questions. Students will also be able to use this resource to study for the bar exam after the course is over until they take the bar exam in July.

Students may purchase access to AdaptiBar here: <https://www.adaptibar.com/> Please use the promo code of UFL19 to receive a discounted price (\$345).

In addition, in order to be eligible to sit for the final exam, students must demonstrate that they have purchased a commercial bar course. The reason for this requirement is that this course is designed to supplement, not supplant, a commercial bar course. Students will receive details at a later time regarding how to satisfy this requirement.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES**

This is a substantive and skills-development course that provides students with concentrated review of legal subjects that are tested on the MBE. Students will gain substantive knowledge on all seven subjects of the MBE through course lecture and application of the knowledge to the MBE format. Students will be familiar with the techniques and strategies for answering multiple-choice questions of the bar exam. Throughout the course students will gain a better understanding of legal analysis, test taking strategies, and stress management. This course is not a substitute for any commercial bar preparation course.

**COMMON COURTESY**

Please do not arrive late to class, come and go during class, or leave early absent extenuating circumstances. Please turn off your cell phone during class. I reserve the right to deduct points from your final grade if you engage in behavior that disrupts the learning environment in any way for your classmates.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Attendance in class is required by both the ABA and the Law School. I will pass around an attendance sheet at the beginning of each class period. If you miss more than one class, your grade for the semester may be adversely affected. Students may miss class for religious holidays, but must contact Prof. Ruff beforehand by email to receive an excused absence. I will consider it a violation of the honor code if you have someone else sign you in and you are not present, and I reserve the right to lower your final grade for engaging in such conduct. Other university policies related to class attendance can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>.

**EVALUATION**

Twenty-five percent of your grade will be based on weekly quizzes. Twenty-five percent of your grade will be based on timely completion of weekly quizzes and a good faith effort to complete these quizzes. Twenty percent of your final grade will be based on a closed-book midterm exam. Thirty percent of your grade will be based on a closed book, three-hour examination during the exam period.

**POLICY RELATED TO MAKE-UP EXAMS**

The law school policy on delay in taking exams can be found at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/forms-applications/exam-delays-accommodations-form>

**INFORMATION ON UF LAW GRADING POLICIES**

The Levin College of Law’s mean and mandatory distributions are posted on the College’s website and this class adheres to that posted grading policy. The following chart describes the specific letter grade/grade point equivalent in place:

Letter Grade	Point Equivalent
A (Excellent)	4.0

A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.0
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C (Satisfactory)	2.0
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D (Poor)	1.0
D-	0.67
E (Failure)	0.0

The law school grading policy is available at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/academic-policies#9>.

### **STATEMENT RELATED TO ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Disability Resource Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Dean Mitchell) when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

### **STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will receive notice of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

### **CLASS PREPARATION**

Students will complete weekly assignments of AdaptiBar questions. It is anticipated that students will spend approximately 2 hours out of class preparing for in class assignments for every 1 hour in class.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Note: All quizzes and exams will be taken online on AdaptiBar.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day of Week</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Description</i>
<b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Introduction to the Multi-State Bar Exam; Torts</b>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day of Week</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Description</i>
Jan. 20	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 1 Due	Open-notes
<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure</b>
Feb. 3	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 2 Due	Open-notes
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Federal Constitutional Law</b>
Feb. 17	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 3 Due	Open-notes
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Contracts</b>
March 3	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 4 Due	Open-notes
Exam will be available March 15 through March 17	Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (you choose which day to take the exam)	1 hour long	Midterm Exam	Closed-book; Closed-notes.
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Property</b>
March 31	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 5 Due	Open-notes
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Class 7</b>	<b>Civil Procedure</b>
April 14	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 6 Due	Open-notes
April 21	Sunday	11:59pm	Quiz 7 Due	Open-notes