

LLM American Legal Studies Residential Program Eligibility for Bar Admissions and Degree Requirements

The requirements for admission to practice law in California are contained in Title 4, Division 1 of the Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules). The following information is a summary of the requirements for admission to the California bar.

To be admitted to practice law in California, an applicant must comply with the requirements outlined in Chapter 2 of the Admissions Rules. These requirements include (1) receiving a positive moral character determination; (2) passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination; and (3) being in compliance with any California court ordered child or family support obligation. All applicants to the California Bar must provide a social security number. Applicants who do not have a social security number because they do not qualify for one may request an exemption from the requirement. For more information regarding the social security number requirement and exemption are available online on www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions.

Applicants who receive their initial law degree from outside the U.S. and have successfully completed a year of law study at an ABA approved law school, are eligible to apply for admission for the California Bar. Additional information regarding the rule regulating bar admission are outlined in the Committee's "Guidelines for Implementation of Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 of the Admissions Rules." For more information regarding the Guidelines may be found online at <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=1tegD1eQse0%3d&tabid=2267>. The complete regulation may be found in Title V, Division 1, Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 - <http://rules.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=-2KV5j0w6Cw%3d&tabid=1227>.

Guideline for Implementation of Chapter 2, Rule 4.30

Important to Remember

- Eligibility to sit for the bar requires at least 20 credits legal education at an American Bar Association (ABA) approved or California accredited law school in the United States
- Student must complete 24 credits to receive an LLM degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- Students must be graded on the J.D. scale
- Students must receive passing grades in all courses
 - Passing equals 2.0 based on TJSL grading policy
- Students must take Professional Responsibility
- Students must take one class in four separate subjects tested on the Bar Exam (must equal 12 credits)
 - With the exception of Professional Responsibility, the California State Bar does not proscribe which class of the bar tested classes are required

Required Courses

- Professional Responsibility
 - Required by the California State Bar

- Required by TJSJ
- Legal Research and Writing
 - Required by TJSJ

Tested Subjects on California Bar Exam

- MBE tests six subjects:
 - Constitutional Law
 - Contracts
 - Criminal Law
 - Evidence
 - Real Property
 - Torts
- Essay
 - Civil Procedure
 - Corporations
 - Community Property / Real Property
 - Professional Responsibility
 - Remedies (Equity)
 - Wills & Succession
 - Business Associations
 - Constitutional Law
 - Contracts
 - Criminal Law and Procedure
 - Evidence
 - Torts
 - Trusts