

[Uniform Bar Examination \(UBE\) adopted in New Mexico \(2015\)](#)

UBE consists of 3 parts: MBE, MEE, MPT

- [MBE – Multistate Bar Exam](#)
 - 50% of score – 200 multiple choice questions
 - [MEE – Multistate Essay Exam](#)
 - 30% of score – Six 30-minute essay questions
 - [MPT – Multistate Performance Test](#)
 - 20% of score – Two 90-minute performance tests
- 30+ states and the District of Columbia have adopted the UBE
 - UBE creates a portable score
 - Each state sets its own passing score and admission standards
 - In New Mexico, the passing score is 260 (out of 400)
 - In New Mexico, there is an additional required one-day training on NM law

Changes from the Old NM Bar Exam (*before 2015*)

- **Holistic grading, not just issue-spotting**
 - Understanding of the facts
 - Knowledge of the applicable legal principles
 - Reasoning toward a conclusion
 - Clarity and conciseness
 - Applicants are graded in comparison with each other
 - Applicants are not graded only on points for issues spotted
- **Generally accepted legal principles, not local or statutory law**
- **No NM law subjects on the exam (not testing administrative law, community property, equitable remedies, Indian law)**
- **UBE Subject Matter Tested**
 - 7 subjects on MBE & MEE: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts
 - + 5 more subjects on MEE: Business Associations, Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Trusts and Estates, Secured Transactions
 - + Writing for MEE and MPT

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The following subjects can be tested during the New Mexico State Bar Exam. New Mexico subjects tested follow the NCBE's [MBE Subject Matter Outline](#) and the [MEE Subject Matter Outline](#). Please note that a wide range of issues and subtopics exist within each broad topic. Our courses that relate to these topics are listed on the right. Note also that all UNM SOL students must take Ethics, and to be admitted to the NM Bar, they must also pass the MPRE. The UNM School of Law may offer a one-credit pass/fail Bar Strategies seminar in the fall and a one-credit Focused Bar Strategies seminar in the spring.

Bar Exam Subjects	UNM School of Law Courses
Business Associations (Agency, Partnerships, Corporations, and LLCs)	Business Associations 1
Civil Procedure* (Federal Jurisdiction and Federal Civil Procedure)	Civil Procedure 1 (Required 1L) Civil Procedure 2
Conflict of Laws	Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law*	Introduction to Constitutional Law (Required 1L) Constitutional Rights (Required 2L) Administrative Law Advanced Constitutional Rights Federal Jurisdiction
Contracts* (including UCC 2 and Revised UCC 1)	Contracts 1 (Required 1L) Contracts 2 Remedies Sales of Goods (UCC Article 2)
Criminal Law and Procedure*	Criminal Law (Required 1L) Criminal Procedure 1 Criminal Procedure 2
Evidence*	Evidence <i>or</i> Evidence-Trial Practice
Family Law (majority law principles, not New Mexico)	Family Law
Real Property*	Property 1 (Required 1L) Property 2
Secured Transactions	Secured Transactions
Torts*	Torts 1 (Required 1L) Torts 2 Advanced Torts
Trusts and Estates	Wills and Trusts
Writing (Essays and MPTs)	Drafting Course (Required) Additional Drafting or Writing Courses Law Journal (NMLR, NRJ or TLJ)

*Subject is on both the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) parts of the bar exam.