

## Topics and Courses

Students interested in maximizing their chances of passing the Missouri, Kansas, or another state's bar examination frequently enroll in elective courses that cover topics regularly tested on the bar examination. The table below lists the subject areas -- "Bar Exam Topics" -- tested on the Missouri and Kansas bar examinations, followed by the names of actual UMKC course offerings that address those subjects. Based on their review of both published questions from previous bar examinations and published subject matter outlines (see below), members of the Law School faculty have attached percentages to some of the course listings. These are simply rough estimates of the scope of specified "Bar Exam Topics" that are likely to be covered in a particular course. (Note: these are approximations, only. Coverage may vary substantially from one test to another.)

### Missouri and Kansas Bar Examinations

The first seven topics are addressed both in the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question multiple choice test written by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and in the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE), also written by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The next topics are only tested as part of the essay component of the Bar Exam. The essay portion of the exam also contains two Multistate Performance Tests (MPT) authored by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Subject matter outlines, sample questions from past exams, and model answers for the MBE and MEE topics, as well as the MPT, are available on the [NCBE website](#). The Missouri Board of Law Examiners publish sample answers from past exams on the [MBLE website](#).

Bar Exam Topics	UMKC Course Offerings	Semester
<b>Civil Procedure (MEE)</b>	Civil Procedure—Pleadings	First Year
	Civil Procedure—Jurisdiction	Second Year
	Federal Jurisdiction	
	Complex Litigation	
<b>Contracts and Sales (MBE &amp; Essay)</b>	Contracts I and II	First year
	Remedies	
<b>Criminal Law (MBE &amp; Essay)</b>	Criminal Law	First year
	Criminal Procedure I	Fall/Spring
	Criminal Procedure II (25%)	
<b>Constitutional Law (MBE &amp; Essay)</b>	Constitutional Law (70%)	Spring
	First Amendment (30%)	
<b>Evidence (MBE &amp; Essay)</b>	Evidence	Second Year

<b>Real Property (MBE &amp; Essay)</b>	Property I and II	First year
	Real Estate Transactions	
<b>Torts (MBE &amp; Essay)</b>	Torts	First year
	Defamation, Emotional, and Privacy Torts	
	Products Liability	
	Remedies	
<b>Agency and Partnership (MEE)</b>	Business Organizations	Fall
<b>Conflict of Laws (MEE)</b>	Conflict of Laws	
	Civil Procedure—Jurisdiction	Second Year
<b>Corporations (MEE)</b>	Business Organizations	Fall
<b>Decedents' Estates (MEE)</b>	Estates and Trusts	
<b>Family Law (MEE)</b>	Family Law	
<b>Secured Transactions (MEE)</b>	Secured Transactions	
<b>Trusts and Future Interests (MEE)</b>	Property I and II	Fall/Spring
	Estates and Trusts	
<b>Multistate Performance Test (MPT)</b>	Lawyering Skills I and II	First/Second Year
	Civil Procedure—Pleadings	Fall/Spring
	Legal Analysis and Methods	
	Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation Drafting	
	Advanced Legal Writing: Practical Skills	
	Advanced Legal Writing: Contract Drafting	

Shading = Required Course