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## Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) adopted in New Mexico

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
- 20 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

- **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, UCC Secured Transactions

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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.

<b>Bar Exam Subjects</b>	<b>UNM School of Law Courses</b>
<b>Business Associations</b> (Agency, Partnerships, Corporations, and LLCs)	Business Associations 1
<b>Civil Procedure*</b> (Federal Jurisdiction and Federal Civil Procedure)	Civil Procedure 1 (Required 1L) Civil Procedure 2 Federal Jurisdiction
<b>Conflict of Laws</b>	Conflict of Laws
<b>Constitutional Law*</b>	Introduction to Constitutional Law (Required 1L) Constitutional Rights (Required 2L) Advanced Constitutional Rights
<b>Contracts*</b> (including UCC 2 and Revised UCC 1)	Contracts 1 (Required 1L) Remedies Sales of Goods (UCC Article 2)
<b>Criminal Law and Procedure*</b>	Criminal Law (Required 1L) Criminal Procedure 1 Criminal Procedure 2
<b>Evidence*</b>	Evidence <i>or</i> Evidence-Trial Practice
<b>Family Law</b> (majority law principles, not New Mexico)	Family Law
<b>Real Property*</b>	Property 1 (Required 1L) Property 2
<b>Torts*</b>	Torts (Required 1L)
<b>Trusts and Estates</b>	Wills and Trusts
<b>UCC Article 9 (Secured Transactions)</b>	Secured Transactions

**Changes from former New Mexico Bar Exam Subjects:** No longer tested: Administrative Law, Community Property, Equitable Remedies, Indian Law. Other changes: Agency and Business Entities combined into Business Associations, Family Law based on majority principles, not New Mexico state law. MBE Multiple Choice Questions: Added Civil Procedure (including Federal Jurisdiction).

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