California Bar Examination Requirements for Berkeley Law’s Professional LLM Students

A. Eligibility requirements for LLM Students who were admitted to practice law in jurisdictions outside the United States:

An applicant who was/is admitted (regardless of the number of years) to practice law in any jurisdiction (active or inactive) will qualify for the general bar examination without any further law study (see attached bulletin). Foreign attorney applicants need not submit a law study transcript but they must submit a certificate or proof of admission to the Section Chief of Eligibility at the following address:

Jane Paragas
Section Chief - Eligibility
Office of Admissions
The State Bar of California
845 S. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90017-2515
(213) 765-1510

B. Eligibility requirements for LLM students with a first-degree in law from a foreign country who were not admitted to practice law in jurisdictions outside the United States:

Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 Legal education in a foreign state or country:

Persons who have studied law in a law school in a foreign state or country may qualify as general applicants provided that they:

(A) have a first degree in law, acceptable to the Committee, from a law school in the foreign state or country and have completed a year of legal education at an American Bar Association Approved Law School or a California accredited law school in areas of law prescribed by the Committee; ...

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Guidelines for Implementation of Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 of the admissions rules
(General Applicants with First Degrees in Law from Foreign Law Schools)

1.1 A general applicant who has a first degree in law from a law school located in a foreign state or country must:

(A) Obtain from a credential evaluation service approved by the Committee a certificate that the applicant’s first degree in law is substantially equivalent to a Juris Doctor degree awarded by a law school approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee; or

(B) Obtain from a credential evaluation service approved by the Committee a certificate that the applicant’s first degree in law meets the educational requirements for admission to practice law in the foreign state or country in which it was obtained.

1.2 In addition to submitting to the Office of Admissions the certificate required by Guideline 1.1, an applicant must submit a certificate from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee certifying that the applicant has:

(A) Been awarded a Master of Law degree (LL.M) based on a minimum of twenty (20) semester or equivalent units of legal education that included a minimum of one course in four separate subjects tested on the California Bar Examination of not less than a total of
twelve (12) semester or equivalent units. One of the four courses must be Professional Responsibility that covers the California Rules of Professional Conduct, relevant sections of the California Business and Professions Code, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and leading federal and state case law on the subject; or

(B) Successfully completed twenty (20) semester or equivalent units of legal education that included a minimum of one course in four separate subjects tested on the California Bar Examination of not less than a total of twelve (12) semester or equivalent units. One of the four courses must be Professional Responsibility that covers the California Rules of Professional Conduct, relevant sections of the California Business and Professions Code, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and leading federal and state case law on the subject.

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LLM Worksheet for Compliance with Bar Course Units Clause in Chapter 2, Rule 4.30, 1.2

You will need to take four courses for 12 units in different bar subjects. The thirteen bar subjects are below. We have highlighted in red the courses offered in the Professional LLM Program. We have also noted the number of units for each course.

You can find more information about bar subjects on the following web site:

http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=VQF73Jr-8iE%3d&tabid=245

2. Civil Procedure (3) 7. Evidence (3) 11. Torts (3)
5. Contracts (3)

One of your bar subjects must be Professional Responsibility (fulfilled by the 3 unit course ‘Ethical Issues for Practicing Lawyers’). Note, this means that you will have to take three additional bar classes (for a total of four bar classes or 12 total units).

Please use the following chart to determine if you have fulfilled the requirement with your course choices:

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Total units: (must equal 12 or more) ____________________