



## LL.M. in Transnational Legal Practice: Bar Exam Pathway

### Curriculum Requirements for Student Advising

Please check with your advisors and the course catalog for current course offerings  
For more detail, see the Student Handbook and the LL.M. Advising Guide

#### I. Requirements to complete the Degree in Transnational Legal Practice: Bar Exam Pathway

##### General Requirements

- 24 credits minimum.
- 2.1 GPA minimum upon graduation
- Complete degree within 24 months of matriculation
- Students with an F-1 visa must enroll full-time

##### Required Courses

- Introduction to U.S. Law & Lawyering (3 credits) (first semester)
- Professional Responsibility (3 credits) (any semester)
- Writing Requirement: Legal Research, Analysis & Writing (LRAW) I<sup>1</sup> **and** II (3 & 2 credits)
- TLP Core Requirements, Fall:
  - Transnational Practice Skills–International Law (TPS-IL) (1 credit)
  - Co-requisite to TPS-IL: International Law (3 credits)
- TLP Core Requirements, Spring:
  - Transnational Practice Skills–International Business Transactions (TPS-IBT) (1 credit)
  - Co-requisite to TPS-IBT: satisfied by **either**:
    - Business Organizations (4 credits) (recommended)<sup>2</sup>, **or**
    - International Business Transactions (3 credits)

##### New York bar exam-tested electives (at least 6 credits of these UBE tested subjects)

Tier 1: Essential	Tier 2: Very Helpful	Tier 3: Helpful
Evidence (4 credits)	Contracts (4 credits, Fall only)	Family Law (3 credits)
Trusts & Estates (4 credits)	Torts (4 credits)	Conflicts of Law (3 credits)
Business Organizations (4 credits)	Civil Procedure (4 credits)	Constitutional Law (4 credits)
	Property (4 credits)	Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (2 credits)
	Criminal Law (3 credits)	Secured Transactions (3 credits)
	Criminal Procedure: Investigation (3 credits)	

<sup>1</sup> Students who are native or bilingual English users, or who have written academic papers extensively in English may request a waiver from Legal Research, Analysis & Writing I. Placement in writing class is at the judgment of the Director of Graduate Academic Programs with advice and approval from the Vice Dean for Administration.

<sup>2</sup> Business Organizations can be taken to satisfy both the TPS-IBT co-requisite **and** the Bar-tested Elective Requirement.

## **Bonus New York Bar Exam Preparation Course Sets (highly recommended, both semesters)**

- Fall Course set.** Topics: Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure
  - Applied Legal Analysis for LL.M. (3 credits) &
  - Drafting: Practice Documents (2 credits)
  
- Spring Course set.** Topics: Real Property, Civil Procedure
  - Applied Legal Analysis for LL.M. (3 credits) &
  - Drafting Practice Documents (2 credits)

## **II. Additional State Requirements to Qualify for the New York Bar Exam**

- Professional Skills Competency Requirement (see [BOLE rule 520.18](#)).** Please check how student plans to satisfy this requirement. There are three options. Details are in the student advising guide and on the BOLE website.
  - Pathway 1: Taking classes during the St. John's Law LL.M. program that satisfy this requirement as certified by the law school under 520.18(1). To satisfy this option, follow the Pathway 1 checklist below.
  - Pathway 4: Proof of apprenticeship under the conditions specified in Rule 520.18(4).
  - Pathway 5: Proof of law practice in another jurisdiction under the conditions specified in Rule 520.18(5).

### **Pathway 1 Course checklist to satisfy Professional Skills Competency Requirement**

- 6 credits of skills coursework in total. Covering three categories of skills:
- Category A: Lawyering Requirement**
  - Introduction to U.S. Law & Lawyering (3 credits) – required course
- Category B: Advanced Practice Writing**
  - Drafting Practice Documents (Fall) (2 credits) – recommended elective
  - Drafting: Practice Documents (Spring) (2 credits) – recommended elective
  - Legal Research, Analysis & Writing for LL.M. III (2 credits)
  - A [J.D. course that satisfies the Advanced Practice Writing Requirement](#)
- Category C: Applied Skills Requirement**
  - Introduction to Advocacy for LL.M. (1 credit) – recommended elective
  - Lawyering Across Borders (1 credit) – recommended elective
  - Transnational Practice Skills – International Business Transactions (1 credit)
  - Transnational Practice Skills – International Law (1 credit)
  - LL.M. Externship Program (2 credit)
  - A [J.D. course that satisfies the Advanced Practice Writing Requirement](#)

- New York Bar Exam Application for Advanced Evaluation of Eligibility**

### III. Sample Schedules

#### Full-time Sample Schedule: Fall semester start, Full Legal Writing sequence

Fall	Spring
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to U.S. Law & Lawyering (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Analysis & Writing I (3) <input type="checkbox"/> TPS-International Law (1) <input type="checkbox"/> International Law (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting: Practice Documents (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (4) or Torts (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : Applied Legal Analysis (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Analysis & Writing II (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility (3) <input type="checkbox"/> TPS-International Business Transactions (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Legal Analysis (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : Drafting: Practice Documents (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : Evidence (4), Trusts & Estates (4), or Torts (4)
<b>Total Credits: 16 + Audits</b>	<b>Total Credits: 13 + Audits</b>

#### Full-time Sample Schedule: Spring semester start, strong writer beginning in LRAW II

Spring	Fall
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to U.S. Law & Lawyering (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Analysis & Writing II (2) <input type="checkbox"/> TPS-International Business Transactions (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Legal Analysis (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting: Practice Documents (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : Evidence (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Legal Analysis (3) <input type="checkbox"/> TPS-International Law (1) <input type="checkbox"/> International Law (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : Drafting: Practice Documents (2)
<b>Total Credits: 15 + Audits</b>	<b>Total Credits: 14 + Audits</b>

#### Part-time Sample Schedule: includes Experiential Learning, strong writer beginning in LRAW II, 3 semesters + 1 summer

Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to U.S. Law & Lawyering (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research, Analysis & Writing II (2) <input type="checkbox"/> TPS-International Business Transactions (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyering Across Borders (1) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : bar-tested course (3 or 4 each)	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Legal Analysis (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting: Practice Documents (2) <input type="checkbox"/> TPS-International Law (1) <input type="checkbox"/> International Law (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied Legal Analysis (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence (4) or Torts (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Audit</u> : Drafting: Practice Documents (2)
<b>Total Credits: 10</b>	<b>Total Credits: 1+ Audits</b>	<b>Total Credits: 12</b>	<b>Total Credits: 7 + Audits</b>