

Bar Examination Information

The LLM is not meant to prepare students to take a U.S. state bar examination and become admitted to law practice in the United States.

Currently, LLM graduates are not eligible to sit for the bar examination in Illinois, unless they have practiced law for at least 5 years in their home country and meet some other requirements. However, New York, California and some other jurisdictions allow LLM graduates to appear for the bar examination. Students should contact the **ABA** at www.abanet.org and the respective State Board of Law Examiners for current provisions related to foreign attorneys.

If you do decide to take the New York or other state bar examination after completing the LL.M. degree, please be aware that most of the bar examination content has NOT been taught to you during your LL.M. course. The bar examination contains many questions related to First Year JD courses, which you are not eligible to take as an LL.M. Degree.

Some LL.M. students take the bar examination each year, and a few pass. It has been our experience that those students who have enrolled in the bar preparation course (such as BarBri) are more likely to succeed on the bar examination. However, a bar preparation course does not guarantee a student will pass the bar examination or necessarily cover all relevant material for the bar examination.

For more information, visit: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/depts/cso/students/llm/barexam.pdf>.