

Vermont Law and Graduate School Certification of Competence in Skills and Professional Values for Applicants for Admission to the New York Bar

The addition of [Section 520.18](#) to New York’s Rules of the Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law requires that all JDs applying to the New York bar who began their program of study after August 1, 2016, and all LL.Ms applying to the New York bar who began their program of study after August 1, 2018, complete a skills competency component. The Vermont Law and Graduate School curriculum is designed to meet the learning outcomes identified.

For pathway 1, Vermont Law and Graduate School will certify a student as having basic competence in the ethical participation in the legal profession if the student:

1. Completes the J.D. or LL.M. orientation program
2. Completes the following courses:

Learning Outcome	Competency under Learning Outcome	Course(s) Satisfying	
		JD	LL.M.
Foundational and Substantive Legal Knowledge.	Graduates will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law, and the role of law in society.	Civil Procedure 1 (3 credits) Civil Procedure 2 (2 credits) Contracts (4 credits) Constitutional Law (4 credits) Criminal Law (3 credits) Evidence (4 credits) Legislation and Regulation (3 credits) Professional Responsibility (3 credits) Property (4 credits) Torts (4 credits)	Civil Procedure 1 (3 credits) Civil Procedure 2 (2 credits) Contracts (4 credits) Constitutional Law (4 credits) Criminal Law (3 credits) Professional Responsibility (3 credits) Property (4 credits) Torts (4 credits)
Foundational Legal and Advocacy Skills	Graduates will be able to independently and collaboratively engage in legal research, legal analysis and reasoning, and problem solving and communicate effectively and persuasively.	Legal Research & Writing (2 credits) Legal Writing 2 (3 credits) Appellate Advocacy (3 credits) Completion of Advanced Writing Requirement	Legal Research & Writing (2 credits)

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Professional Responsibility and Ethics	Graduates will be able to work respectfully, ethically, and productively with diverse clients and legal professionals. They should possess the skills needed to recognize and resolve dilemmas in an ethical manner.	Professional Responsibility (3 credits)	Professional Responsibility (3 credits)
Bar Exam Preparedness and Skills	Graduates will possess the skills needed to successfully perform on the bar examination taken.	Civil Procedure 1 (3 credits) Civil Procedure 2 (2 credits) Constitutional Law (4 credits) Contracts (4 credits) Criminal Law (3 credits) Evidence (4 credits) Property (4 credits) Torts (4 credits)	Civil Procedure 1 (3 credits) Civil Procedure 2 (2 credits) Constitutional Law (4 credits) Contracts (4 credits) Criminal Law (3 credits) Property (4 credits) Torts (4 credits)
Service to Society	Graduates will understand an attorney's obligation to engage in community and public service.	Professional Responsibility (3 credits) Civil Procedure 1 (3 credits) Civil Procedure 2 (2 credits) Completion of experiential requirement	Professional Responsibility (3 credits) Civil Procedure 1 (3 credits) Civil Procedure 2 (2 credits)

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Note: Effective Fall 2024 – Civil Procedure 1 and Civil Procedure 2 will no longer be offered in Fall and Spring semesters and will be changed to Civil Procedure (4 credits) offered in the Fall semester.