


SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

L O S A N G E L E S



ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND BAR PREPARATION

55+
DEAN'S FELLOWS

FREE
SUPPLEMENTAL BAR
SUPPORT PROGRAM

QUIZBUILDER
A BANK OF PRACTICE
BAR EXAM QUESTIONS

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The Academic Success and Bar Preparation Department has provided me with great resources, beginning before law school. For example, Bison Boot Camp taught me the foundational skills needed to succeed within my doctrinal classes. This gave me an advantage, especially during my first few weeks of class. I have continued to lean on the Academic Success Department, which is constantly adapting to new situations and editing their resources to give effective assistance to all students. The Academic Success Department continues to provide me with the support, both academically and emotionally, that I need while vigorously studying for the bar exam.

EMILY HART

'21, Full-Time Day Program
Supervising Dean's Fellow





ACADEMIC SUCCESS & BAR PREPARATION OFFICE

The office begins prepping students to pass the bar the minute they enter law school. Students can take advantage of academic readiness programs, courses, workshops, as well as individual counseling sessions to maximize academic potential.

BISON BOOT CAMP

This non-credit course provides a comprehensive introduction to the study of law to entering students. The program provides an early start on learning and practicing the core academic skills necessary to succeed in law school, including time management, reading and briefing cases, and organizing and outlining material.

BISON BAR PASS

This bar preparation program is tailored to our students' needs and is available exclusively to Southwestern students taking the exam for the first time. Students enroll in a commercial bar review company of their choice and through the SW Bison Bar Pass Program, they receive individualized guidance, additional grading/feedback, on-campus simulated exam sessions, stress management resources, and customized schedules.

CAL BAR WRITING: SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

This course provides students with instruction and practice in bar-style essay and performance test writing. Using frequently tested topics, students will develop the skills required to successfully perform on the written portion of the bar exam.

DEAN'S FELLOWS

Dean's Fellows serve as teaching assistants through the Academic Success & Bar Preparation Office. They are an integral resource by assisting students in developing the five general skills areas: time management, note-taking, reading and briefing, synthesizing (weekly review and outlining), and exam writing.

FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND PRACTICE

This course provides instruction in core law school skills such as reading cases and statutes, note-taking and classroom engagement strategies, time management, outlining, multiple-choice techniques, and effective exam writing. Students also receive training in those critical professional skills, characteristics, and competencies required for success in their legal practice.

MULTISTATE BAR EXAM: SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

This course serves as a refresher on the most heavily tested topics within each of the seven subjects tested on the Multistate Bar Exam. It provides an excellent foundation for students to develop the multiple-choice test-taking skills essential for success on the bar exam.

QUIZBUILDER

Every student has access to QuizBuilder from their first day as a 1L through sitting for the bar exam. QuizBuilder is an online bank of practice bar exam multiple choice style questions licensed from the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Students can use the questions to study and practice for their course exams and to study for the bar exam.

WRITING CENTER

Students have resources available to help them polish their legal writing skills and become more confident in their legal writing products. These optional resources are available to students regardless of their academic standing.



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