

The bar exam is coming.

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**YOU CAN DO IT!**

# Bar Exam Dates

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Texas (and all UBE) and California:

July 27-28, 2021

# Application Deadlines

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## Texas

- February 1 was on time
- Late deadline: April 1 (\$150 late fee)
- Final Deadline: May 1 (\$300 late fee)
- -Disability accommodations must be filed with App; no later than April 1

## New York

- April 1 – 30
  - Disability accommodation requests due by April 30

## California

- March 1-April 1 is on time; final filing deadline of June 1

## Other states:

- Bar Admission guide from the National Conference of Bar Examiners <http://www.ncbex.org/publications/bar-admissions-guide/>

## Disability accommodations

# State Specific Courses

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## Texas Law Course

- On demand, online
- <http://www.texasbarcle.com/CLE/AABuy0.asp?sProductType=EV&IID=18059>

## New York Law Exam

- <https://www.newyorklawcourse.org/>
- Sign up to take the NY Law Exam
- Check deadlines for NY Law Exam (NYLE)
  - June 10 admin – deadline is May 11

# Uniform Bar Exam (UBE)

## 2 days

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### Uniform Bar Exam

- DC, IL, NY, NJ, CO, WA, OR and 30 more
- Day 1 – multiple choice Multistate Bar Exam - MBE
- Day 2 - essays
  - 2 Multistate Performance Tests - MPTs
  - Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)
    - Six 30-minute mixed subject essays
    - Not every subject appears every year.

# Other states

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## California Bar Exam

- Two days – Five 1 hour essays, one performance test, MBE

All states, except Louisiana, give the MBE

# MPT – Multistate Performance Test

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90 minutes

Closed universe

You are given a File (facts) and a Library (law)

Analyze issue presented with law provided; no memorization required

MPT is a SKILL – you have most of what you need already

- Practice is necessary to get the timing down

# What's covered?

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## **MEE – MULTISTATE ESSAY EXAM**

Business Associations

Conflict of Laws

**Contracts**

**Constitutional Law**

**Criminal Law and Procedure**

**Evidence**

Family Law

**Federal Civil Procedure**

**Real Property**

**Torts**

Secured Transactions

Wills and Estates

## **MBE – MULTISTATE BAR EXAM**

Contracts

Constitutional Law

Criminal Law and **Procedure\***

**Evidence\***

Federal Civil Procedure

Real Property

Torts

*\*upper-level classes*

# Scoring on the UBE



## All UBE states, including Texas

- 400 point scale
  - MPT (2) is 20% (80 points)
  - MEE is 30% (120 points)
  - MBE is 50% (200 points)
- TX cut score is 270
  - 67.5%; a D+
- NY cut score is 266
  - 66.5%; a D+

# Let's talk about the MBE.

Beware older questions.

PRACTICE.

Sample question\*:

A young man suggested to his friend that they steal a large- screen TV from a neighbor's house. The friend was angry with the young man and decided to use the opportunity to get even with him by having him arrested. The friend said he would help, and that night, he drove the young man to the neighbor's house. The young man broke in while the friend remained outside. The friend called the police on his cell phone and then drove away. Police officers arrived at the scene just as the young man was carrying the TV out the back door.

The jurisdiction defines crimes as at common law.

Of what crime, if any, can the friend properly be convicted?

- (A) No crime.
- (B) Conspiracy.
- (C) Burglary.
- (D) Conspiracy and larceny.

*\*copyright NCBE*

# So what is my summer actually going to be like?\*

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## Typical bar course format

- Time Spent
  - 33% lectures
  - 18% doing MC practice
  - 17% practice essays
  - 17% review notes/outlines

## What do you really have to do?

- Simulated MBE midsummer: DO IT

## How long should I study?

- Peak day is typically 8.5 hours
- Less than 2-3 hours per day is the difference between passers and those unsuccessful
- Weekends you take off (to begin). Still be you.

Remember, you paid to do this.

*\*Statistics from BarBri*

1

Participate in Early Bar Prep here at the law school

- Learn to write bar essays; it's a skill

2

Buy your prep class

- Marketplace is Thursday, March 4 at 4pm
- Funding available through employers, private loans.
- Public interest focused students should ask for a discount.
- Scholarships.

3

Prepare your friends and family.

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Get everything in place for summer so you don't have to worry about anything else.

- Arrange for child care (if needed)
- Decide where you will live/study
- You should change it up in study spaces!

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Think carefully about toxic habits and/or people in your life.

- Try to clean it up now.

What to do NOW.

Will the bar exam be in person?

As of right now, most states are planning on an in-person bar exam.

This, of course, may change.

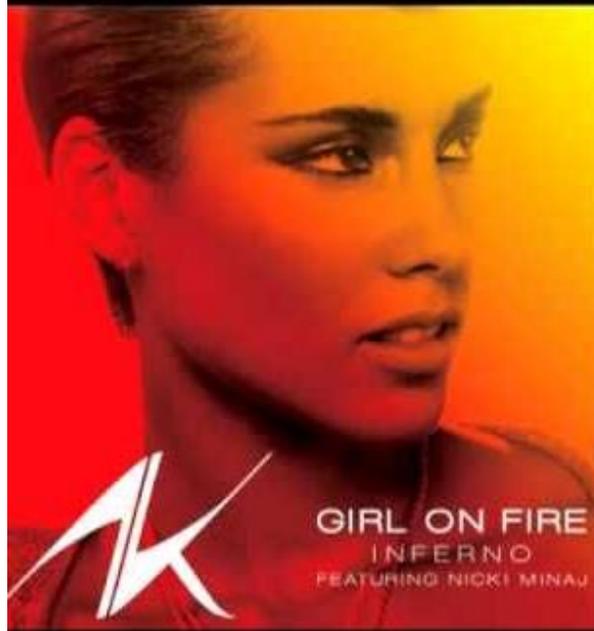
# Find your Fight Song.

My favorites:

- Lose Yourself (Eminem)
- Survivor (Destiny's Child)
- Eye of the Tiger (Survivor)
- Just a Test (Beastie Boys)
- My Shot (Hamilton)
- Whatever It Takes (Imagine Dragons)
- Mama Said Knock You Out (LL Cool J)
- Girl on Fire (Alicia Keys)

More at:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7Hghcd3hnrG44Ow9LwEfVt> (Attack the Bar Exam)



# During Summer Prep

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Bar class will likely start after exams but before the Sunflower Ceremony

Do what your bar prep company tells you to. Add in extra prep YOU think you need.

Start memorizing early.

Give yourself work hours; be flexible.

- Typical day includes lecture, review, practice essays, practice MBE

Do questions under time restrictions; bar takers are often surprised by how quickly the time goes.

Be a person.

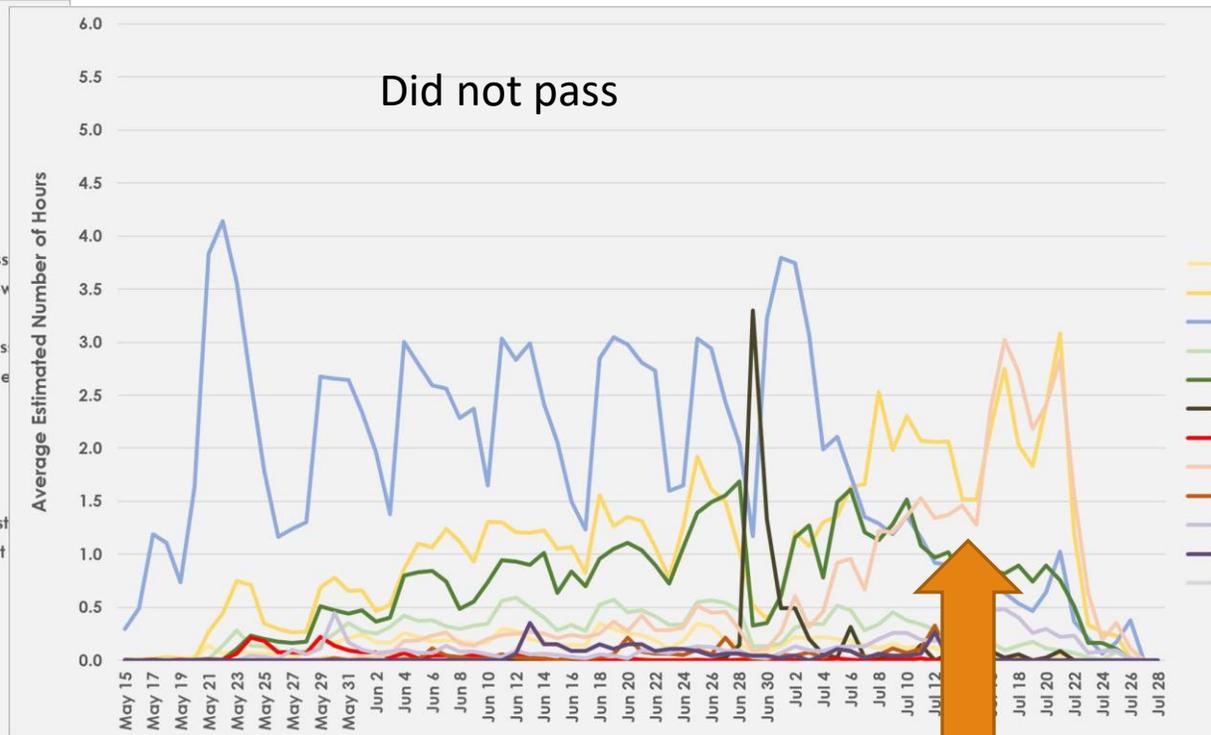
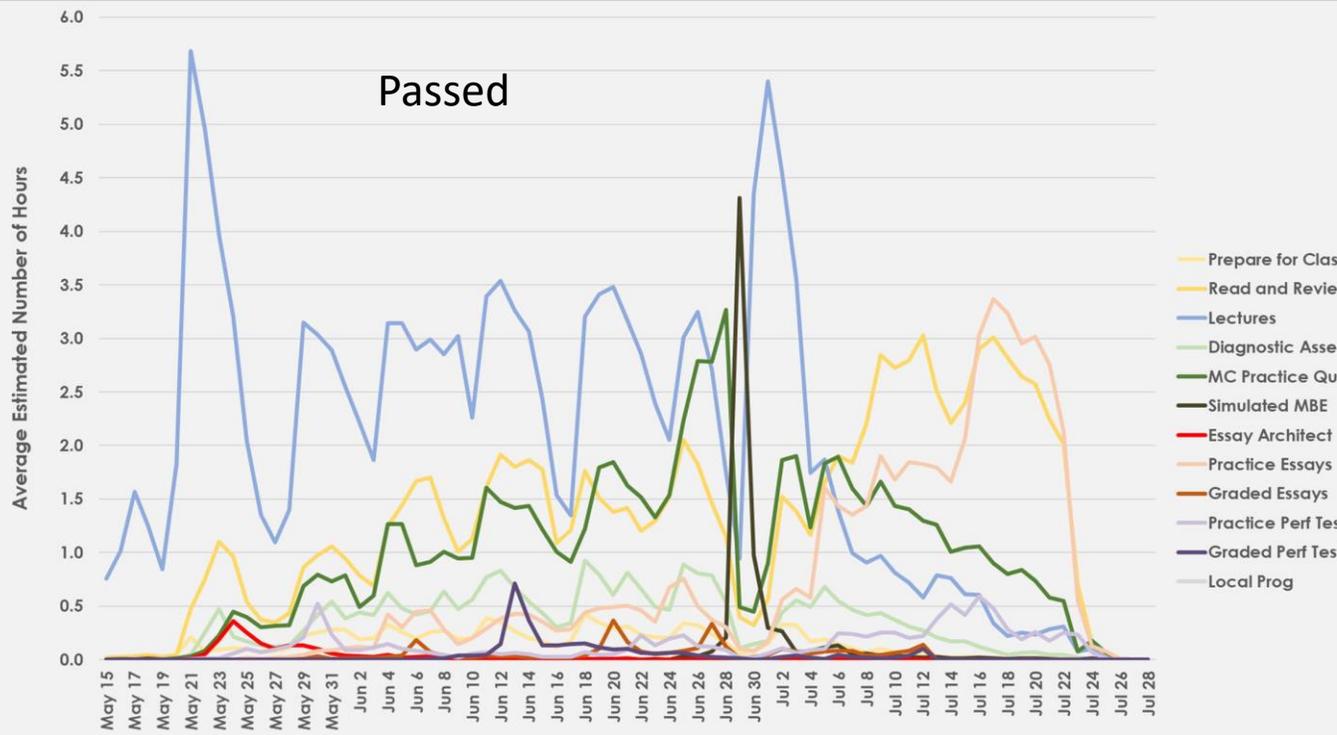
## Pass v. Fail

Passers spent, on average,  
433 hours studying

Those who failed spent  
349 hours.

Knowledge is power.

# Average Estimated Daily TIME (IN HOURS) for COMPLETED Assignments by Assignment Category TEXAS – Comparison (from BarBri)

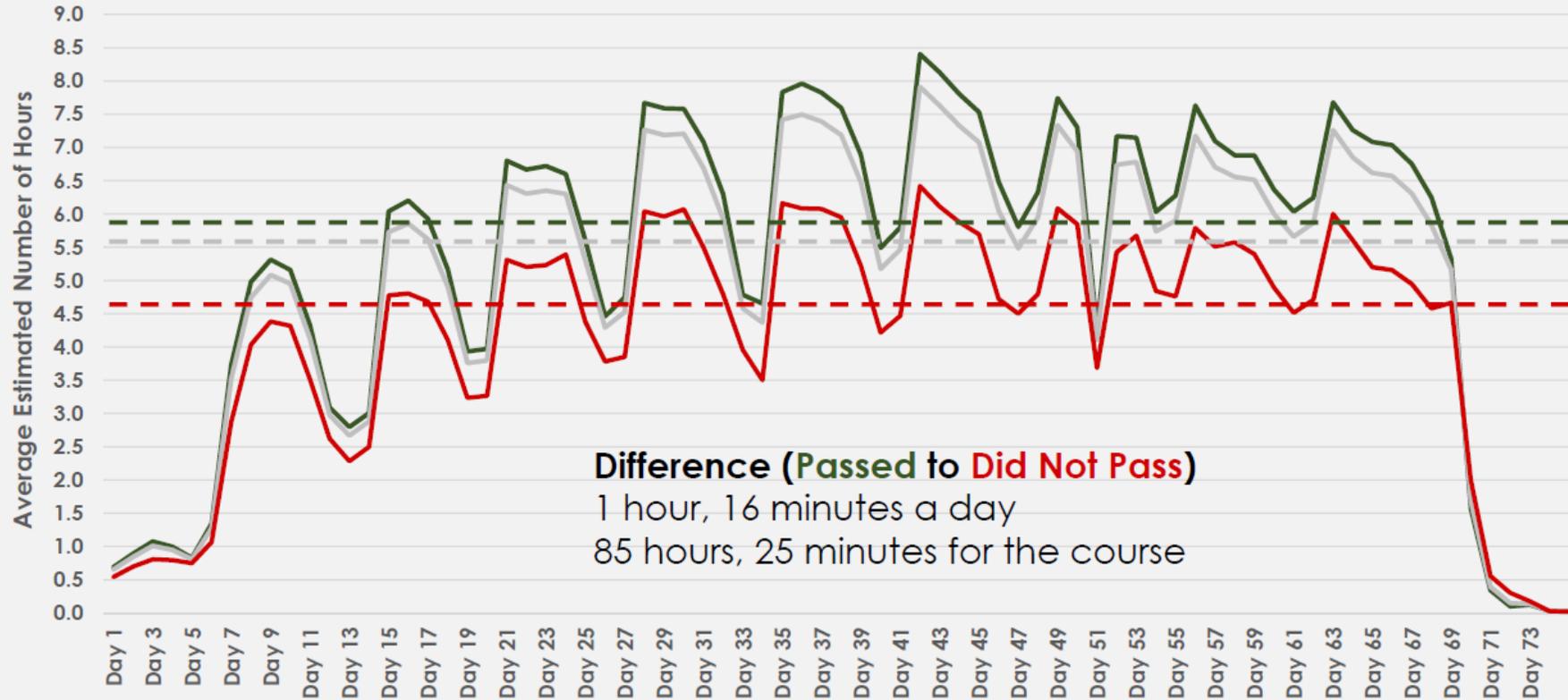


Passers did the following:

1. More time on lectures
2. Took mock MBE seriously
3. Spent much more time on MBE practice

This dip in read/review is a problem. This is the weekend before the exam.

## Average Estimated Daily TIME (IN HOURS) for COMPLETED Assignments by 'Passed' and 'Did Not Pass'



**Difference (Passed to Did Not Pass)**  
1 hour, 16 minutes a day  
85 hours, 25 minutes for the course

What about  
those  
supplemental  
courses?

1. PMBR, Adaptibar, etc.
2. Critical Pass flashcards
3. Released questions from the NCBE (National Conference of Bar Examiners)

# Early Bar Prep at the law school

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Wednesdays at noon, March 9, 23 and 30

You will:

1. Complete a diagnostic essay
2. Receive feedback on diagnostic
3. Learn strategies for writing bar essays
4. Receive feedback on two additional essays

Why do this? Bar essay writing is a skill. Reserve time this summer for substance.

WHAT IF THERE  
ARE CHANGES?

Texas Law will  
be with you  
every step of  
the way.