

New York BOLE

For all JD students who matriculated prior to May 2012 who apply to take the New York bar:

The New York Board of Law Examiners (BOLE) website outlines two eligibility requirements that differ from the Law School's graduation requirements: 1) a "stand alone" professional responsibility (ethics) course, and 2) 83 total credits.

Stand Alone Professional Responsibility Course: The course(s) you took to satisfy the Law School's professional responsibility requirement will be accepted by New York BOLE. If you did not take a "stand alone" ethics course during your time at Michigan Law School [LAW 731, Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility; LAW 797, Model Rules and Beyond; LAW 723, Corporate Lawyer: Law & Ethics; or LAW 402/002, Ethics Colloquium (two-credit section only)], then in response to the question on the NY Bar application inquiring about how many credits you earned in "stand alone" law courses, enter a "0." The New York BOLE staff will recognize that you matriculated prior to May 2012.

83 Total Credits: The New York BOLE [like the American Bar Association (ABA)] requires that each credit hour represents 700 minutes of class time. The Law School requires 715 minutes of class time per credit hour; accordingly, both the ABA and New York BOLE have recognized that 82 Michigan Law credits are sufficient. Therefore, if you graduated with 82 credits, this will satisfy both the New York BOLE and the ABA.

For all JD students who matriculated in May 2012 (and before May 2015) who apply to take the New York bar:

Stand Alone Professional Responsibility Course: You need to take a "stand alone" ethics course. Courses that fulfill this requirement are listed above (LAW 731, 797, 723, and 402/002) and appear on the class schedule with a Footnote 54 designation.

83 Total Credits: Eighty-two (82) credits satisfy the New York BOLE's credit requirement for the reasons described above.

Pro Bono Service: The New York BOLE has a 50-hour "pro bono" service requirement. Learn more about this requirement and how to fulfill it on the Office of Career Planning's website:

<https://www.law.umich.edu/careers/probono/Pages/NYbarrequirement.aspx>.

For all JD students who matriculated in May 2015 and thereafter who apply to take the New York bar:

Stand Alone Professional Responsibility Course: You need to take a "stand alone" ethics course. Courses that fulfill this requirement are [LAW 402/002, 408 (new in F18), 723, 731, 769 (Ethics/Thriving in Law Pract), and 797] and appear on the class schedule with a Footnote 54 designation.

83 Total Credits: Eighty-three (83) credits are needed to satisfy the New York BOLE's credit requirement as well as the ABA's requirements.

Pro Bono Service: The New York BOLE's 50-hour "pro bono" service requirement applies. Learn more about this requirement and how to fulfill it on the Office of Career Planning's website:

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