

PROFESSIONALISM AND LEGAL ETHICS INFORMATION SHEET

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What is the MPRE?

The [Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination](#) (MPRE), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), is required for bar admission in Georgia and most other states. It consists of a two-hour, 60-question multiple-choice examination. The MPRE is based on the law governing the conduct and discipline of lawyers and judges, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct in the American Bar Association (ABA) Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions and generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in procedural and evidentiary rules. It can be taken while in law school. See: <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre>

The MPRE is scored from 50 (low) to 150 (high). These scores do NOT directly reflect the number of correct answers. The NCBE explains that it uses “a statistical process known as equating that is commonly used on standardized examinations. This statistical process adjusts raw scores on the current examination to account for differences in difficulty as compared with past examinations.” Each state sets its own pass score. Georgia currently has a VERY low pass score: 75 (that is only 25 points above the lowest possible score). The vast majority of persons who take the MPRE achieve a passing score.

When is it administered?

The MPRE is administered three times a year. Here are the 2025 exam dates:

Passed:

- Test dates: March 26 and 27, 2025 | Registration Deadline: January 23, 2025

Upcoming:

- Test dates: August 20 and 21, 2025 | Registration Deadline: June 18, 2025
- Test dates: November 13 and 14, 2025 | Registration Deadline: September 25, 2025

It is recommended that you take the MPRE **after** you complete one of GSU’s required legal ethics courses. Therefore, if you are currently a 1L, you should wait to take the MPRE until 2026 unless you take Professional Responsibility in Summer 2025.

MPRE accommodations

The MPRE is administered on computers provided by Pearson VUE at its testing centers. Students must request test accommodations if they have an impairment that necessitates any deviation from the standard test administration (such as extended testing time). Students requesting accommodations should submit their request as far in advance of their desired test administration as possible, and ideally no later than the Recommended Submission Date for that test date. The recommended submission date for the November 2025 test is July 30, 2025. For more information: <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/test-accommodations>

Free study resources, best used for review after you complete your legal ethics course:

The NCBE provides examples of test questions similar to those on the MPRE, see [MPRE Sample Test Questions](#) at <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/preparing-mpre>

- BarBri: [Free On-line MPRE Course](#) (recommendation: go straight to practice questions and use “Mini Review” inside questions section if practice shows you don’t fully understand some topics)
- Kaplan: [Free On-line MPRE Course](#)

See also:

- [On-Line Practice MPRE Exam](#) from the NCBE (\$50)
- Patrick Longan, [Questions & Answers: Professional Responsibility](#)

MPRE-related law school courses

GSU requires completion of one of the following courses on legal ethics. All of these courses prepare students to take the MPRE.

- **Summer 2025**
 - o **LAW 6020** – Professional Responsibility, [Amanda Cole](#). Classes are designated as online synchronous on Tuesdays, 6:00-8:45pm.
- **Fall 2025**
 - o **LAW 6020** – Professional Responsibility, [Tia Gibbs](#). Classes are designated as face-to-face on Wednesdays, 6:00-8:45pm
 - o **LAW 6020** – Professional Responsibility, [John Thielman](#). Classes are designated as face-to-face on Mondays, 2:45-5:30pm
 - o **LAW 6022** – The Client Relationship, [Clark Cunningham](#). Classes are designated as face-to-face on Wednesday, 2:45-5:30pm. Course information at <http://www.clarkcunningham.org/PR/index.htm>
- **Spring 2026**
 - o **LAW 6020** – Professional Responsibility, [Timothy Floyd](#). Classes are designated as online synchronous on Thursdays, 6:00-8:45pm
 - o **LAW 6020** – Professional Responsibility, [John Thielman](#). Classes are designated as face-to-face on Mondays, 2:45-5:30pm.

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