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The requirements can be broken down into two sets:

**I. Students must take a minimum of 24 credits in "classroom courses at the law school in substantive and procedural law and professional skills." These 24 credits may include up to 4 credits in certain clinical courses (520.6(b)(3)(vii)(a)) and up to 6 credits in certain other courses related to legal training taught at the Stern school or other parts of NYU (520.6(b)(3)(vii)(b)).**

Many LL.M. students will take more than 24 credits worth of courses that count toward this requirement. To earn the NYU LL.M. degree, you must carry a load of 24 credits during the fall and spring semesters. In addition, most foreign-trained LL.M.s are required to take Introduction to U.S. Law (2 credits) and Legal Research, Writing and Analysis I (1 credit) during the summer (in August). These 3 credits will count toward the 24 credits required by the NY Board of Law Examiners but not towards NYU's 24 credit requirement. It is, however, important to be aware that certain credits that count towards NYU's 24 credits worth of fall and spring courses will not count for purposes of bar eligibility. For instance, credits earned for Directed Research and for clinical courses or courses in other parts of NYU in excess of the maximums set out above will not count for the purposes of bar eligibility.

**II. The program of study must include a specified minimum numbers of credits for classes in the following areas. For a detailed description of the requirement, refer to (520.6(b)(3)(d)).**

**A: history, goals, instruction, value, rules and responsibilities of U.S. legal profession (2 credits)**  
**B: legal research, writing and analysis (2 credits)**  
**C: American legal studies (2 credits)**  
**D: subjects tested on the New York State bar examination (6 credits)**

Note that you cannot use the same credits to satisfy the requirements of more than one area (A, B, C and D).

To guide you in developing a program of study for the LL.M. year that satisfies these eligibility requirements, below is a chart that shows which Law School classes have been approved by the New York Court of Appeals to meet the requirements in each area. Many, but not all, of these classes will be offered in the 2012-13 academic year. If you take Introduction to U.S. Law (2 credits) and Legal Research, Writing and Analysis I (1 credit) in the summer you will complete the Group C requirement and one credit of the Group B requirement prior to the start of the fall term.

### Group A: history, goals, instruction, value, rules and responsibilities of U.S. legal profession (2 credit)

- LAW-LW.11479 Professional Responsibility and the Regulation of Lawyers (multiple sections of the class offered)
- LAW-LW.10309 Professional Responsibility in Civil Litigation
- LAW-LW.12078 The Good Lawyer: Philosophical Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility

### Group B: legal research, writing and analysis (2 credits)

- LAW-LW.12129 U.S. Legal Research, Writing and Analysis I (summer)(1 credit)
- LAW-LW.12130 U.S. Legal Research, Writing and Analysis II (1 credit)
- LAW-LW.10512 U.S. Legal Methodology (3 credits)

### Group C: American Legal Studies (2 credits)

- Introduction to U.S. Law (summer)
- Administrative and Regulatory State
- \*Introduction to U.S. Civil Procedure (for LL.M. students)
- \*Constitutional Law
- \*Federal Courts and the Federal System
- \*State Courts and Appellate Advocacy Seminar

Note: If you take Introduction to U.S. Law and Administrative and Regulatory State, the administrative law class will fulfill the C requirement and Introduction to U.S. Law will supply 2 of the 6 credits required under D.

\*Credits earned in these classes in excess of the two needed to satisfy the C requirement, may be applied to the D requirement.

### Group D: subjects tested on the New York State bar examination (6 credits)

- LAW-LW.11323 Child, Parent & State
- LAW-LW.10965 Commercial Law
- LAW-LW.11972 Commercial Sales Law: Domestic and International
- LAW-LW.10701 Conflict of Laws
- LAW-LW.11702 Constitutional Law
- LAW-LW.10345 Contract Theory Seminar
- LAW-LW.11171 Contracts (For LL.M.s)
- LAW-LW.10344 Corporations
- LAW-LW.10644 Corporations (4 or 5 credits)
- LAW-LW.10436 Criminal Procedure Survey
- LAW-LW.10104 Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
- LAW-LW.10395 Criminal Procedure: Fourth and Fifth Amendments
- LAW-LW.12134 Equal Protection and Substantive Due Process
- LAW-LW.11607 Evidence
- LAW-LW.11563 Evidence and Professional Responsibility
- LAW-LW.10729 Family Law
- LAW-LW.10917 Federal Courts and the Appellate Process
- LAW-LW.11722 Federal Courts and the Federal System
- LAW-LW.10755 First Amendment Rights of Expression and Association
- LAW-LW.10668 Free Speech
- LAW-LW.11019 Information Privacy Law
- LAW-LW.10514 Introduction to U.S. Civil Procedure (for LL.M. Students)
- LAW-LW.12072 Mass Communications and Free Speech Seminar
- LAW-LW.11783 Property (for 2Ls)\*
- LAW-LW.11279 Real Estate Transactions
- LAW-LW.11941 Religion and the Constitution
- LAW-LW.12135 Religion and the First Amendment
- LAW-LW.10113 Remedies
- LAW-LW.10118 Secured Transactions
- LAW-LW.11869 State Courts and Appellate Advocacy Seminar
- LAW-LW.11349 Tort Theory Seminar
- LAW-LW.10474 Trusts & Estates

\*Please note: Property (for 2Ls): LAW-LW.11783 qualifies under 520.6(b)(3)(vi)(d) only when the description for the class posted on the Law School web site reads as follows: A study of the institution of property; property interests in land and in wealth other than land; formation of interests in land; the estate concept; possessory and nonpossessory interests; concurrent interests; the landlord-tenant relation; the allocation and development of land resources by private arrangement and through community planning devices such as zoning and eminent domain.

Foreign-trained lawyers who intend to pursue the LL.M. in Taxation or the LL.M. in International Taxation should contact John Stephens at [Stephens@exchange.law.nyu.edu](mailto:Stephens@exchange.law.nyu.edu) with any questions about qualifying to sit for the NY Bar exam.

Students in all other master's programs should contact [law.graduateaffairs@nyu.edu](mailto:law.graduateaffairs@nyu.edu) with any questions.

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