

A Study Schedule

For anyone studying for the California Bar Exam, you need a study schedule to follow. I recommend the following.

If you are studying full-time, please use the following structure:

Full Time Studier:

1. You will have 2 Study Blocks each day plus a memorization / review block.
2. A Study Block consists of the following:
 - a. Review black letter law for up to 1 hour
 - b. Write essay closed-note and timed
 - c. Review essay and compare to template in book and model / sample answer
 - d. 15 MBE (if the subject in the Study Block is an MBE subject, do questions in that subject. If it's a CA subject, do Mixed MBE)
3. A memorization block consists of just reviewing and memorizing the black letter law in a particular subject.

How the Study Schedule Works:

4. Number each subject 1-12¹, based on your preference.
 - a. I like bar applicants to go in the following order, but you should feel free to follow any order you prefer:
 - i. Civil Procedure
 - ii. Torts
 - iii. Contracts
 - iv. Property
 - v. Remedies
 - vi. Evidence
 - vii. Criminal Law + Procedure
 - viii. Constitutional Law
 - ix. Professional Responsibility
 - x. Business Associations
 - xi. Community Property
 - xii. Wills & Trusts
5. Each day you work on three subjects. Then, on each new day, you shift one subject over.
 - a. For Example, on Sunday, you work on subjects 1, 2, and 3. On Monday, you shift subject 1 out and do subjects 2, 3, and 4. Then Tuesday, you shift Subject 2 out and do subjects 3, 4, and 5. Following this process, you will usually review a subject for 3 days in a row, which helps you in the memorization process.
6. Each time the color changes in the sample schedule below, you re-organize the subjects so that you are not always studying the same subjects back-to-back.
7. Repeat this process for each week of study up until two weeks before the bar exam.

¹ This lists 12 subjects even though there are 14 subjects listed above. That is because I combine Criminal Law & Procedure into one subject and Wills & Trusts into one subject.

Sample Full-Time Studier Schedule:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM Study Block	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	OFF DAY	Subject 6
PM Study Block	Subject 2	Subject 3	PT	Subject 5	Subject 6		Subject 7
Review Block	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 4	Subject 6	Subject 7		Subject 8

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM Study Block	Subject 7	Subject 8	Subject 10	Subject 11	Subject 3	OFF DAY	Subject 5
PM Study Block	Subject 8	Subject 9	PT	Subject 12	Subject 5		Subject 7
Review Block	Subject 9	Subject 10	Subject 11	Subject 1	Subject 7		Subject 9

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM Study Block	Subject 7	Subject 9	Subject 11	Subject 2	Subject 4	OFF DAY	Subject 6
PM Study Block	Subject 9	Subject 11	PT	Subject 4	Subject 6		Subject 8
Review Block	Subject 11	Subject 2	Subject 2	Subject 6	Subject 8		Subject 10

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM Study Block	Subject 8	Subject 10	Subject 12	Subject 11	Subject 2	OFF DAY	Subject 10
PM Study Block	Subject 10	Subject 12	PT	Subject 2	Subject 10		Subject 9
Review Block	Subject 12	Subject 1	Subject 1	Subject 10	Subject 9		Subject 3

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PM Study Block	Subject 3	Subject 12	PT	Subject 8	Subject 5		Subject 7

Review Block	Subject 12	Subject 4	Subject 4	Subject 5	Subject 7		Subject 6
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Two Weeks Before the Bar Study Schedule:

The two weeks leading up to the bar looks a little bit different. I focus on issue spotting rather than writing full essays. Each Study Block consists of the following:

- Issue Spot Essay
- Review Essay
- 15 MBE

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AM Study Block	Subject 1	Subject 3	Subject 5	Subject 7	Subject 9	OFF DAY	Subject 11
PM Study Block	Subject 2	Subject 4	Subject 6	Subject 8	Subject 10		Subject 12
Review Block	Subject 3	Subject 5	Subject 7	Subject 9	Subject 11		PT

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AM Study Block	Subject 1	Subject 5	Subject 9	Subject 2	Subject 6	OFF DAY	Subject 10
PM Study Block	Subject 3	Subject 7	Subject 11	Subject 4	Subject 8		Subject 12
Review Block	Subject 5	Subject 9	Subject 2	Subject 6	Subject 10		PT

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
AM Study Block	PR	OFF DAY	BAR EXAM, Day 1	BAR EXAM, DAY 2
PM Study Block	Remedies			
Review Block	PT Templates			

Working Studier:

This schedule is for those of you who are working while preparing for the bar exam.

1. You will have 2 Study Blocks each day
2. Study Block 1 consists of the following:
 - a. Review black letter law for up to 30 mins.
 - b. Write essay closed-note and timed
 - c. Self-Assess essay
 - d. 15 MBE (if the subject in the Study Block is an MBE subject, do questions in that subject. If it's a CA subject, do Mixed MBE)
3. Study Block 2 Consists of the following:
 - a. Review black letter law for up to 30 mins.
 - b. Issue spot essay following the Essay Approach (1/3 of essay time, e.g., 20 minutes of a 60 minute essay)
 - c. Self-Assess essay
 - d. 15 MBE (if the subject in the Study Block is an MBE subject, do questions in that subject. If it's a CA subject, do Mixed MBE)

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5. Each day you work on two subjects. Then, on each new day, you shift one subject over.
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Study Block 1	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	OFF DAY	Subject 6
Study Block 2	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4 PT	Subject 5	Subject 6		Subject 7

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Study Block 1	Subject 7	Subject 8	Subject 9	Subject 10	Subject 11	OFF DAY	Subject 12
Study Block 2	Subject 8	Subject 9	Subject 10 PT	Subject 11	Subject 12		Subject 1

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Study Block 1	Subject 3	Subject 5	Subject 7	Subject 11	Subject 2	OFF DAY	Subject 4
Study Block 2	Subject 5	Subject 7	Subject 9 PT	Subject 2	Subject 4		Subject 6

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Study Block 1	Subject 6	Subject 8	Subject 10	Subject 12	Subject 1	OFF DAY	Subject 11
Study Block 2	Subject 8	Subject 10	Subject 12 PT	Subject 1	Subject 11		Subject 2

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Study Block 2	Subject 10	Subject 3	Subject 9 PT	Subject 4	Subject 8		Subject 5

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