

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law has a diverse LLM class who benefit from the program in many ways, including some students who look to take a state bar exam for the purpose of practicing in a U.S. jurisdiction. Many decide to take the New York Bar Exam to be licensed to practice law in the State of New York. Not all New York employers will require that LLMs be admitted to the New York Bar, and students have found short-term internships and Visiting Associateships that do not typically require bar admission. Each student should make a determination as to what credentials will be useful to their career goals.

There are a limited number of other jurisdictions that allow LLM students to sit for the bar and be admitted to practice law. The rules in all of the jurisdictions change rapidly, and each student should consult the web sites of the jurisdictions that they are interested in for the latest requirements for admission.

Students who began their studies at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in the LLM program in August 2018 and subsequent years should note the additional requirements for admission to the New York Bar found in [Rule 520.18](#) of the Rules of the New York State Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law. (These new requirements are in addition to the 50-hour pro bono requirement found in Rule 520.16.) LLM students interested in admission to the New York Bar should consider Pathways Four and Five of [Rule 520.18](#), which concern the fulfillment of the Rule's eligibility requirement through legal apprenticeship and/or legal practice in another jurisdiction.