



# Your 2L Checklist

Here is some practical advice, tips, and guidance to help you make the most of your time.

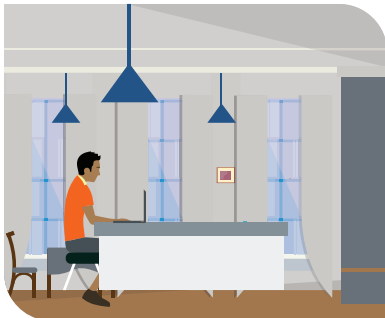
## Technology + Tools

### Back up everything to protect your hard work

Your laptop may feel like a trusty sidekick, but it can crash or go missing, resulting in your valuable notes and outlines being permanently lost. Schedule automatic backups to give yourself peace of mind.



Get Started



## Study Tips

### Use study aids that work for you

The [West Academic Study Aids Collection](#) offers over 700 trusted study aids, audiobooks, and lectures, plus interactive practice questions. Study how you learn best.

### Master challenging subjects

It's time to explore different electives as you enjoy the freedom to choose among multiple practice areas and hone your interests. Be sure to enroll in [BARBRI 2L/3L Success](#) for online, on-demand video lectures, multiple-choice questions, and practice essays to help with challenging subjects like Con Law, Corporations, Crim Pro, Evidence, Family Law, Secured Transactions, Taxation, and Wills & Trusts.

Enroll for Free

## Bar Exam To-Dos

### Chart an early bar exam action plan

You'll find that many states offer a reduced fee to students who apply for the bar exam during 2L year, and that the timely submission of some documents will also occur during this year. Start by checking pre-registration requirements and discounts for the state in which you will be taking the bar exam. Get up-to-date information on fees and deadlines specific to your state so you can avoid any late fees by consulting the [BARBRI Bar Exam Digest](#).

**Pro tip:** For more information about the bar exam, visit [What is the bar exam?](#) Don't forget to read our [Paying Attention to Early Bar Exam Requirements in 2L Year](#) blog post, too.



## Complete key courses ahead of the MPRE

Many students find it helpful to take both the Professional Responsibility (PR) class at their law school and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) during their 2L year. A passing MPRE score is one of the requirements for bar admission in all but two jurisdictions (Wisconsin and Puerto Rico). Note: Connecticut and New Jersey will accept the successful completion of a PR law school course in lieu of a passing MPRE score.

Register for the MPRE on the [National Conference of Bar Examiners website](#). Remember to save your NCBE Number because you'll also need it when you apply to take the bar exam.

**Pro tip:** After you've registered for the MPRE, [download our free MPRE Checklist](#), enroll in the free BARBRI MPRE prep course, and take advantage of our MPRE Maximizer Cram Packet for a final refresher before the exam.

Enroll in MPRE Prep

## Careers + Networking

### Polish your resume and prepare to impress

Job opportunities will crop up throughout the year, featuring on-campus interviews (OCIs) you won't want to miss. Be sure to stay in touch with your school's Career Services to know when OCIs will occur or if scheduling delays come up. Any interview could lead to a summer associate position or possibly permanent employment. If you have personal connections in the legal industry, reach out to them.

**Pro tip:** Put your best foot forward with our [OCI checklist](#).



### Create opportunities for the future

Networking is always important. Take the time to get to know everyone you can — including faculty, fellow students, and alumni — for job opportunities, letters of recommendation, and real-world advice. The more relationships you cultivate, the more doors that may open to a future career.

**Pro tip:** Check out our [Law School Networking](#) blog post in our [Resource Center](#).



### Build your professional profile and personal brand

A social media connection can be a pathway to an amazing job opportunity. Navigate your job search with greater success by using social platforms to connect with potential employers and for real-world guidance. Create a LinkedIn account to establish your professional profile and personal brand. Join the [@BARBRI](#) LinkedIn community to find your footing and be a part of the conversation.

**Pro tip:** Up your professional social networking game with our guide to [Building Your Personal Brand and Law Student LinkedIn Profile](#).

### Compete in mock trial or moot court

If you're interested in developing your advocacy skills, it will be worthwhile to take part in Mock Trial or Moot Court. Check into your law school's program structure — it may require members for regional and national competitions or may be conducted entirely intramurally.

## Prepare for the Finish Line

### Use extracurriculars to acquire new skills

As you look toward 3L year, keep building valuable practical experience. One way is through your school's Law Clinics, which may start in the fall semester. Law Clinics are great for enhancing your real-world skills, boosting your resume, and gaining exposure to different fields of law. You'll learn skills faster and position yourself to hit the ground running as a potential new hire.



### Map out 3L classes with the bar exam in mind

When registering for 3L year and signing up for your choice of classes and electives, consider the subjects tested on your state's bar exam. You can approach the exam with greater confidence if you have some exposure to the material during law school.

**Pro Tip:** For all the bar exam subjects tested, get the free [BARBRI Bar Exam Digest](#).