

JD students who commenced their law studies after July 2016 who apply to the New York State Bar must use one of five pathways to establish satisfaction of the [Skills Competency Requirement and Professional Values Bar Admission Requirement](#).

All Wayne Law JD students meet the requirements for Pathway 1, which “*allows an applicant to satisfy the skills competency and professional values requirement by submitting a certification from the applicant’s law school confirming that (1) the law school has developed a plan identifying and incorporating into its curriculum the skills and professional values that, in the school’s judgment, are required for its graduates’ basic competence and ethical participation in the legal profession, and has made this plan publicly available on the law school’s website; and (2) the applicant has acquired sufficient competency in those skills and sufficient familiarity with those values.*”

The law school certifies all students as having acquired sufficient competency in skills and professional values that, in the law school’s judgment, are required for basic competence and ethical participation in the legal profession if they complete and receive credit for the following coursework, as part of the overall 86 credits required for the J.D. degree:

1. Legal Research and Writing (4 credits)
2. Professional Responsibility (2 credits)
3. Experiential Learning (6 credits), which must include participation in an externship or clinic.
4. Upper-Level Writing Requirement (ULWR)
5. The other required courses — Civil Procedure, Contracts, Constitutional Law I, Criminal Law, Property, and Torts— covering a variety of skills such as research, analysis, problem-solving, use of facts, written communication, and oral communication.

Completion of these requirements fulfill the [learning outcomes](#) of Wayne Law, as adopted by the faculty.