Library Resources to Help You Study for Exams

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http://www.law.uc.edu/library/
Preparing for & Taking Exams

Did you know the Law Library can help you prepare for exams? The following materials can assist you in your exam preparation.

Books available at the Law Library


Articles


Podcasts & YouTube Videos


Scott Burnham, *Tips for Multiple Choice Exams in Law School (podcast).*

Anne Coughlin, Prof. Anne Coughlin on Exam Do's and Don'ts,

John Delaney, How To Do Your Best on Law School Exams Part I,

John Delaney, How To Do Your Best on Law School Exams Part II,

Ronald Eades, John Farago & Patrick Wiseman, *Exam Taking Skills, Outlines, and Advice for Law Students: Panel 1 (podcast).*

Jennifer Martin, *Top 10 Tips for Successfully Writing a Law School Essay (podcast).*

David Steinberg, Exam Advice for Law Students,

David Steinberg, Most Common Law School Exam Mistakes,

Daryl Wilson, *Exam Taking Skills, Outlines, and Advice for Law Students: Panel 3 (podcast).*

Websites


Exams Available in the Library

We have a limited number of old / practice exams available in the Law Library. Some exams are available on reserve (check under the professor’s name). Also check in the Stacks at KF 292 C486. Professors may also make exam materials available on their course website, particularly as time draws closer to the exam period. Be aware that the Law Library holds only those exams that the professors have given to us and many professors choose not to release their exams.

Other Collections of Exams

Several law schools and libraries maintain available collections of their school's exams. Note that only selected exams may be available without a username and password from that institution:

- Old Exam Archive – Adjunct Prof. Craig Smith of Santa Barbara/Ventura Colleges of Law, http://www.west.net/~smith/exams.htm


**Study Aids**

**Outlines**

LexisNexis Area of Law Outlines, 
http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/study/outlines/default.asp.

Outlines from the Black Letter series (Constitutional Law, Contracts, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Property, Torts), 

**Examples & Explanations Series**

List of Examples & Explanations

Examples & Explanations is a series published by Aspen that provides you with explanations and analysis for a topic and then gives examples to help you fully understand the analysis. A series of problems at the end of each section or chapter assist you in testing your understanding. Answers are provided for these problems. Most of the current Examples & Explanations series are on Reserve and can be checked out for 2-hours use in the Library. You can see what Examples & Explanations the Law Library owns by doing a series title search in UCLID.

**Understanding Series**

List of Understanding books

The Understanding series is published by LexisNexis and provides an overview and analysis of legal subjects. It provides less analysis than a hornbook but more than a nutshell. Most of the current Understanding series are on Reserve and can be checked out for 2-hours use in the Library. You can see what Understanding titles the Law Library owns by doing a series title search in UCLID.

**Hornbooks**

List of Hornbooks

Think of a hornbook as a mini-treatise for law students. It provides a more in-depth analysis of law school subjects than a Nutshell or one of the Understanding series. They will typically cover cases used in law school classes. Most of the current hornbooks are on Reserve and can be checked out for 2-hours use in the Library. You can see what hornbooks the Law Library owns by doing a series title search in UCLID.

**Nutshell Series**

List of Nutshells
Nutshells are little paperback books that give a concise overview of an area of law. Most of the current nutshells are on Reserve and can be checked out for 2-hours use in the Library. You can see what nutshells the Law Library owns by doing a series title search in UCLID.

**Concepts and Incites Series**

[List of Concepts and Insights titles](#)

This paperback series, published by West, provides an overview of an area of law. It is similar to the Understanding series. Most of the current Concepts and Insights titles are on Reserve and can be checked out for 2-hours use in the Library. You can see what titles the Law Library owns by doing a series title search in UCLID.
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