

Valparaiso University School of Law: Technical Standards for Law School Admission

A candidate for the J.D. degree must have abilities and skills in five categories: intellectual, communication, behavioral and social, physical, and time management. The Valparaiso University School of Law is committed to enabling its qualified students by any reasonable means or accommodations to complete the course of study leading to the law degree.

1. **Intellectual-Conceptual and Integrative Skills:** The candidate must be able to solve complex problems, perform legal analysis and reasoning, and perform legal research.
2. **Communication Skills:** A candidate must be able to communicate effectively. A candidate must be able to communicate candidly and civilly with others. A candidate must be able to memorialize and organize information in an accessible form.
3. **Behavioral and Social Attributes:** A candidate must possess the emotional health required for substantial utilization of his or her abilities and possess the interpersonal skills to work with others.
4. **Physical Abilities:** A candidate must be able to have reasonably regular and punctual class attendance.
5. **Time Management:** A candidate must be able to meet time deadlines as established.

Questions concerning the Valparaiso University School of Law Technical Standards should be discussed with the Committee on Accommodations, through its intake officer, the Law School Registrar, prior to matriculation into the School of Law.

Valparaiso University School of Law strives to provide a legal education which enables its students to be productive attorneys and members of the Bar. The following “Essential Eligibility Requirements for the Practice of Law” serve as additional requirements adopted by the American Bar Association which may be expected of the students as they sit for the Bar Examination and enter the practice of law. Prospective students should assess, prior to beginning law school, that they will be able to meet these requirements.

Some states give minimal or no accommodations for the Bar Exam and eligibility requirements vary depending on the state. If students need additional information, they should contact the Examination Board in the state in which they wish to take the Bar.

