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Grading Policy - Numerical Grades

(Effective for students entering the College in May 2004 and thereafter)

NOTE: In November 2005, the faculty decided to adjust the grading scale and grading curve applicable to the students who entered the College in May 2004 and thereafter. This change included a retroactive adjustment of the grades of students entering in May 2004 or thereafter. Thus, transcripts for those students issued after December 9, 2005 will show correct grades. Earlier transcripts are no longer correct.

The new policy (as of November 17, 2005) is set out below:

Grades will be awarded on a scale of 1.5 to 4.3. No academic credit shall be given for a grade below 1.8 or for a grade of "Fail." A 2.1 average (the lowest "C" average) will be required for retention and graduation. A numerical grade may be translated into a letter grade for purposes of comparison as follows:

4.3-4.2 = A+

4.1-3.9 = A

3.8-3.6 = A-

3.5-3.3 = B+

3.2-3.0 = B

2.9-2.7 = B-

2.6-2.4 = C+

2.3-2.1 = C

2.0-1.8 = D

1.7-1.5 = F



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As a norm, the highest grade awarded at the College of Law will be 90. A grade as high as 92 may be awarded, however, to reflect an extraordinary performance by a student. Performance will not be deemed sufficiently outstanding to warrant a grade above 90 merely because the performance is substantially better than other performances in the class.

The lowest grade awarded at the College of Law will be 55. No academic credit shall be given for a grade below 60 or for a grade of “fail.”

A numerical grade may be translated into a letter grade for purposes of comparison as follows:

92 - 85 = A
84 - 80 = B+
79 - 75 = B
74 - 70 = B-
69 - 65 = C
64 - 60 = D
59 - 55 = F



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CLASS RANKING

Students are not ranked until they complete their first year of study. Thereafter, rankings are done at the end of every semester and summer session, once all grades are reported. The following system of ranking students by their grade points averages shall be in effect:

- (a) The top ten percent in each class may be informed of their exact rank.
- (b) The grade point averages at the 12.5 percentile and 37.5 percentile will be posted; and
- (c) The above will constitute the entire ranking system.

Students will be ranked following the fall semester, spring semester and summer session each year. Final class standing will be based on the ranking in September and will include students who completed all graduation requirements in August, May and the previous December. For purposes of ranking underclass students, the same system shall be used based upon the expected date of graduation.

Unless otherwise provided, to attain second year standing a student must have acquired 28 hours of course credit, and to obtain third year standing a student must have acquired 58 hours of course credit.

	FIRST YEAR		SECOND YEAR		THIRD YEAR	
	<i>12.50%</i>	<i>37.50%</i>	<i>12.50%</i>	<i>37.50%</i>	<i>12.50%</i>	<i>37.50%</i>
Fall 2000			81.81	77.65	81.74	78.20
Sprg 2001	81.61	77.54	81.88	77.73	81.84	78.40
Sum 2001	81.79	77.88	81.88	77.73	81.95	78.43
Fall 2001			81.37	77.85	81.88	78.09
Sprg 2002	81.11	77.90	80.75	77.79	82.28	78.40
Sum 2002	81.16	77.80	80.80	77.79	82.28	78.54
Fall 2002			81.08	77.78	81.04	78.19
Sprg 2003	81.97	76.76	81.50	78.30	81.25	78.56
Sum 2003	82.06	77.07	81.38	78.30	81.25	78.59
Fall 2003			82.00	77.17	81.36	78.21
Sprg 2004	82.10	77.52	82.30	77.77	81.47	78.16
Sum 2004	82.10	77.83	82.32	77.77	81.47	78.22
Fall 2004			81.90	78.34	82.04	77.88
Sprg 2005	3.40	3.06	82.19	78.57	82.39	78.15
Sum 2005	3.39	3.08	82.10	78.55	82.39	78.15
Fall 2005			3.70	3.38	82.39	79.19
Sprg 2006	3.69	3.40	3.71	3.41	82.88	79.63
Sum 2006	3.68	3.41	3.71	3.41	82.88	79.63
Fall 2006			3.70	3.43	3.70	3.41

Sprg 2007	3.68	3.41	3.70	3.43	3.71	3.42
Sum 2007	3.68	3.42	3.70	3.43	3.71	3.43
Fall 2007			3.67	3.41	3.71	3.44
Sprg 2008	3.69	3.44	3.69	3.41	3.72	3.48
Fall 2008			3.68	3.43	3.70	3.42
Sprg 2009	3.65	3.43	3.66	3.44	3.72	3.45