



COLLEGE OF LAW
Office of the Dean
280 Boyd Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1113
319-335-9034
Fax 319-335-9019

GRADING POLICY

(Effective for Students Entering the College in May 2004 and thereafter)

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 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+	2.9 – 2.7 = B-
4.1 – 3.9 = A	2.6 – 2.4 = C +
3.8 – 3.6 = A-	2.3 – 2.1 = C
3.5 – 3.3 = B+	2.0 – 1.8 = D
3.2 – 3.0 = B	1.7 – 1.5 = F

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 point 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.

The following ranking information is provided (as of June 2009):

	12.5%	37.5%
Class of 2011 (based on 188 students):	3.65	3.43
Class of 2010 (based on 218 students):	3.66	3.44
Class of 2009 (based on 211 students):	3.72	3.45