

# Historical Grading and Ranking Policy

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## **Effective for students entering the College of Law 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:

A+	4.2-4.3		B+	3.3-3.5		C+	2.4-2.6		D	1.8-2.0
A	3.9-4.1		B	3.0-3.2		C	2.1-2.3		F	1.5-1.7
A-	3.6-3.8		B-	2.7-2.9						

## **Effective for students entering the College PRIOR to May 2004 and for grades entered through Summer 2005:**

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

## CLASS RANKING

Students are not ranked until they complete their first year of study. Thereafter, rankings are done at the end of every semester, 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.

Final class standing will be set in September and will include students who completed all graduation requirements in the previous August, May, and 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.

The cutoff grade point averages at 12.5% and 37.5% for past years is as follows:

	<b>First Year</b>		<b>Second Year</b>		<b>Third Year</b>	
	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>37.5%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>37.5%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>37.5%</i>
<b>Fall 2000</b>			81.81	77.65	81.74	78.20
<b>Spring 2001</b>	81.61	77.54	81.88	77.73	81.84	78.40
<b>Sum 2001</b>	81.79	77.88	81.88	77.73	81.95	78.43
<b>Fall 2001</b>			81.37	77.85	81.88	78.09
<b>Spring 2002</b>	81.11	77.90	80.75	77.79	82.28	78.40
<b>Sum 2002</b>	81.16	77.80	80.80	77.79	82.28	78.54
<b>Fall 2002</b>			81.08	77.78	81.04	78.19
<b>Spring 2003</b>	81.97	76.76	81.50	78.30	81.25	78.56
<b>Sum 2003</b>	82.06	77.07	81.38	78.30	81.25	78.59
<b>Fall 2003</b>			82.00	77.17	81.36	78.21
<b>Spring 2004</b>	82.10	77.52	82.30	77.77	81.47	78.16
<b>Sum 2004</b>	82.10	77.83	82.32	77.77	81.47	78.22
<b>Fall 2004</b>			81.90	78.34	82.04	77.88
<b>Spring 2005</b>	3.40	3.06	82.19	78.57	82.39	78.15
<b>Sum 2005</b>	3.39	3.08	82.10	78.55	82.39	78.15
<b>Fall 2005</b>			3.70	3.38	82.39	79.19
<b>Spring 2006</b>	3.69	3.40	3.71	3.41	82.88	79.63
<b>Sum 2006</b>	3.68	3.41	3.71	3.41	82.88	79.63
<b>Fall 2006</b>			3.70	3.43	3.70	3.41
<b>Spring 2007</b>	3.68	3.41	3.70	3.43	3.71	3.42
<b>Sum 2007</b>	3.68	3.42	3.70	3.43	3.71	3.43
<b>Fall 2007</b>			3.67	3.41	3.71	3.44
<b>Spring 2008</b>	3.69	3.44	3.69	3.41	3.72	3.48
<b>Fall 2008</b>			3.68	3.43	3.70	3.42
<b>Spring 2009</b>	3.65	3.43	3.66	3.44	3.72	3.45
<b>Fall 2009</b>			3.66	3.44	3.67	3.47
<b>Spring 2010</b>	3.70	3.40	3.68	3.43	3.69	3.48

<b>Fall 2010</b>			3.68	3.42	3.69	3.45
<b>Spring 2011</b>	3.68	3.43	3.68	3.46	3.70	3.48
<b>Fall 2011</b>			3.70	3.42	3.72	3.48
<b>Spring 2012</b>	3.72	3.40	3.74	3.44	3.74	3.49
<b>Fall 2012</b>			3.74	3.41	3.74	3.47
<b>Spring 2013</b>	3.67	3.43	3.74	3.43	3.74	3.51
<b>Fall 2013</b>			3.66	3.45	3.77	3.47
<b>Spring 2014</b>	3.70	3.44	3.66	3.46	3.77	3.51
<b>Fall 2014</b>			3.69	3.48	3.67	3.49
<b>Spring 2015</b>	3.76	3.47	3.69	3.49	3.70	3.50
<b>Fall 2015</b>			3.74	3.48	3.71	3.51
<b>Spring 2016</b>	3.77	3.43	3.77	3.48	3.70	3.54
<b>Fall 2016</b>			3.75	3.42	3.80	3.54
<b>Spring 2017</b>	3.71	3.46	3.75	3.45	3.81	3.54
<b>Fall 2017</b>			3.69	3.44	3.76	3.49
<b>Spring 2018</b>	3.77	3.51	3.70	3.47	3.76	3.52
<b>Fall 2018</b>			3.78	3.51	3.71	3.50
<b>Spring 2019</b>	3.70	3.46	3.79	3.53	3.75	3.54
<b>Fall 2019</b>			3.68	3.46	3.78	3.55