

## **4.10 Transition Rules for 2018-2019 Academic Year**

### **4.10.1 Transition to New System**

The College of Law has approved a new grading system and normalization rules. This section describes those changes and the transition rules that will apply to the 2018-2019 academic year.

### **4.10.2 Grading System for First-Year J.D. Students**

This grading system applies to all first-year J.D. students in the 2018-2019 academic year. All other students will use the grading system described in Section 4.1.

“Successful completion” of a course means a final grade of D– (D minus) or better

The College of Law assigns the following letter grades. Each grade corresponds to a number of points:

Grade	Points
A+	4.25
A	4.00
A–	3.75
B+	3.25
B	3.00
B–	2.75
C+	2.25
C	2.00
C–	1.75
D+	1.25
D	1.00
D–	0.75
F	0.00

The College of Law may also report the following codes on students’ official transcripts:

Code	Meaning
S	Satisfactory work
U	Unsatisfactory work
I	Incomplete
IE	Incomplete expired
AF	Administrative failure
AD	Administrative disenrollment (no credit)
WD	Withdrawn from course by permission of the College of Law
W	Withdrawn from the College of Law or the University

**4.10.21 Grade Point Average**

A student’s official grade point average is (1) the total number of grade points for the student, as calculated by multiplying (a) the number of credits for each class for which a grade is assigned on the student’s transcript with (b) the number of points associated with that grade; divided by (2) the number of graded credits reported on the student’s transcript. The result is rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Only grades listed in section 4.10.2, not score codes listed in that section, count as graded credits toward the computation of GPA, except that each AF and IE score is included as a grade with zero points in the computation of GPA.

**4.10.3 Grade Normalization Rules for 2018-2019**

**4.10.3.1 Grade Normalization Rules for First-Year J.D. Courses**

All first-year J.D. grades awarded in the College of Law during the 2018-2019 academic year are subject to the following required grade normalization rules. First, the mean of the class must fall between a 3.15 and 3.25 (using the grade scale in Section 4.10.2). Second, the grades for the class must fall into the following ranges.

<b>Grades to be Used for 1L Classes 2018-2019</b>	<b>Required Percentages in Range</b>
A+	0 to 3%
A	5 to 15%
A-	10 to 20%
B+	20 to 35%
B	20 to 35%
B-	5 to 15%
C+ and below	0 to 20%

**4.10.3.2.1 Grade Normalization Rules for Upper Level Courses—Spring 2019 Semester**

For all upper level courses during the Spring semester of 2019, the mean of the class must fall between an 84 and 88 (using the grading system set out in Section 4.1). However, if the mean incoming GPA for students enrolled in the course (as determined at the beginning of the semester) is greater than 88, the mean grade may be as high as the mean incoming GPA plus two

(2) points; if the mean incoming GPA is less than 84, the mean grade may be as low as the mean incoming GPA minus two (2) points.

However, if the course (1) is not a seminar and (2) has 20 or more students, the mean of the class must fall between an 84 and 88 (with any adjustments pursuant to the previous paragraph) *and* the class must also meet the following ranges.

Numeric Grades to be Used for Upper Level Classes 2018-2019	Required Percentages in Range
98-100	0 to 3%
93-97	5 to 15%
90-92	10 to 20%
86-89	20 to 35%
80-85	20 to 35%
77-79	5 to 15%
76 and below	0 to 20%

#### 4.10.3.2.2 Grade Normalization Rules for Upper Level Courses—Fall 2018 Semester

Any 2018-2019 upper level class that has fewer than 35 students will remain within the current class profile grading system, as set forth in Section 4.3.2. Any class with 35 or more students will be graded according to the following required grade normalization requirements.

First, the mean of the class must fall between an 84 and 88 (using the grading system set out in Section 4.1). Second, the class must fall into the following ranges.

<b>Numeric Grades to be Used for Upper Level Classes 2018-2019</b>	<b>Required Percentages in Range</b>
98-100	0 to 3%
93-97	5 to 15%
90-92	10 to 20%
86-89	20 to 35%
80-85	20 to 35%

77-79	5 to 15%
76 and below	0 to 20%

#### **4.10.3.3 Conversion Table**

If required to convert a letter grade (as set out in Section 4.10.2) to a numerical grade (as set out in Section 4.1), the following conversion table will be used.

A+	100
A	97
A-	93
B+	87
B	83
B-	77
C+	73
C	67
C-	63
D+	62
D	62
D-	62
F	60

#### **4.80 Dean’s List designation for First Year Students**

First year JD students matriculating in the fall 2018 semester and after will receive the “Dean’s List” designation in any semester in which the student’s grade point average is in the top 20% of the semester grade point averages among first year JD students enrolled during that semester. The Dean’s List notation will be recorded on the student’s transcript for that semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List designation, a student must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours for the semester with at least six graded credit hours in the College of Law.

#### **13.1.1A Criteria for First Years for 2018-2019**

For the 2018-2019 academic year, first-year students in the bottom 25 percent of the class are subject to academic oversight.

#### **13.2.1.1A Dismissal for First Year Students during 2018-2019**

A student will be administratively dismissed from the College of Law automatically and without further notice if: the student fails, at any point after the completion of the student’s second semester in the College, to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00. This provision applies only to first-year students during the 2018-2019 academic year.