

Grading System

The School of Law utilizes a system of grading that permits the inclusion of a "plus" to letter grades A, B, C, and D, as well as a "minus" to letter grades A, B and C. The numerical equivalent of a plus grade is three-tenths higher than the regular grade; the numerical equivalent of a minus grade is three-tenths lower than the regular grade.

GRADE	EXPLANATION	GRADE POINTS	GRADE	EXPLANATION	GRADE POINTS
A+		4.300	C+		2.300
A	Superior	4.000	C	Satisfactory	2.000
A-		3.700	C-		1.700
B+		3.300	D+		1.300
B	Above Average	3.000	D	Marginal	1.000
B-		2.700	F	Unsatisfactory	0.000

Except for purposes of determining academic deficiency during the required first-year curriculum, the following permanent and temporary grade notations are not included when calculating GPA:

S.....	Credit Awarded/Satisfactory Performance/Passed.....	n/a
NC or U.....	No Credit/Unsatisfactory Performance/Failed.....	n/a
T.....	Transferred Credits.....	n/a
W.....	Withdrew.....	n/a
I.....	Incomplete (Work to be completed).....	n/a
NR.....	Not Received (Grade pending).....	n/a
IP.....	In Progress (Currently Enrolled).....	n/a

An asterisk (*) next to a grade indicates administrative action involved in the awarding of the grade (e.g., a pass ("S") granted for administrative reasons, a failing grade ("F") entered for failure to resolve an incomplete within the necessary time period, etc.).

A (#) symbol denotes the original grade for a repeated course pursuant to the School of Law's rules governing readmission after academic dismissal. The grade is not included in GPA calculation.

Grade Point Average (GPA): GPA is determined by multiplying the number of credits by the grade point earned for each course, adding up total grade points earned, and then dividing total grade points by total credits attempted (excluding credits not included in calculating GPA).

GPA Requirements: GPA requirements for graduation, academic standing, and participation in certain courses and programs are described in the *UDC David A. Clarke School of Law Student Handbook, Volume I*. In addition, the Office of Financial Aid uses CGPA to verify continued eligibility for financial aid, as described in the *Financial Aid Handbook*.

Class Rank: As a matter of policy, the School of Law does not rank its students.

Good Standing: A student must maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.000 or above to be in good standing at the School of Law.