

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL  
**Juris Doctor Program**  
**CURRENT GRADING SYSTEM**  
**EFFECTIVE 1971-72, AS AMENDED**

Beginning with the class entering September 1968, the grading system is based on a 12 point letter system, the base being C = 2.00. For the period 1968-69 through 1970-71, both letter and number systems were in effect. Beginning September 1971, all students were graded on the letter system. The grading system is as follows:

A+ = 4.00  
A = 4.00  
A- = 3.67

C+ = 2.33  
C = 2.00  
C- = 1.67

B+ = 3.33  
B = 3.00  
B- = 2.67

D+ = 1.33  
D = 1.00  
F = 0.00

P = Pass

F = Fail (equivalent to a grade of D+ or below, used prior to May 1978 instead of NC (no credit))

\*NC = No Credit (equivalent to a grade of C- or below)

I = Incomplete

*Prior to Fall 2006 and beginning Fall 2022, after 4<sup>th</sup> week of classes*

W = Withdrawal

*Beginning Fall 2006-Summer 2022, after 4<sup>th</sup> week of classes*

WP = Withdrawal with a passing grade earned to date

WF = Withdrawal with a failing grade earned to date

WN = Withdrawal never attended, or no graded work to date

Some elective courses, such as clinics, internships, and a few other courses are graded using the following system:

H = Honors

P = Pass

LP = Low Pass

NC = No Credit

CR = Credit

NCR = No Credit (did not complete program)

Y = Deferred

IP = Course in progress

NR = Not Reported

Z = Audit

Previously the grade of "Failure" was used in some classes instead of "No Credit." Beginning Fall 1992 until Summer 2013, the first-year Legal Writing and Research course was graded on the Honors, Pass, Low Pass, No Credit system. Grades awarded on this system do not affect the grade point average.

Continuance in Law School requires an average of 1.67 or above in the first year. Students with an average of 1.67 to 1.99 are placed on probation and must maintain a 2.00 average on all work taken between that point and the end of the subsequent academic year.

Students first enrolling before June 1974 must earn an average of 2.00 on the 120 quarter credit hours submitted for a degree, including all required courses.

Students entering for the first time in June 1974 or thereafter must complete 120 quarter credit hours and must earn an overall average of 2.00 or better on all hours completed.

Beginning August 1980, the Law School converted to semester hours. Students must complete 80 semester hours and must earn an overall average of 2.00 or better on all hours completed.

Students entering for the first time in June 1981 or thereafter must complete 86 semester hours and must earn an overall average of 2.00 or better on all hours completed.

\*For Winter 2020 only, J.D. courses other than LEX 6400 (1L Legal Research & Writing) were graded on a mandatory Pass/No Credit basis because of the COVID-19 outbreak and the resulting disruptions. For Fall 2020 only, students were given an option to elect a grade of Pass/No Credit in lieu of their letter grade in all courses that had a remote final exam, because of significant technical difficulties that occurred during the exam period. For Winter 2020 and Fall 2020 only, a "Pass" means "sufficient to receive credit" (meaning equivalent to at least a D letter grade) and a "No Credit" is equivalent to a grade of "F" (meaning not sufficient to receive credit.)

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