

5.1.2 EXCEPTIONS TO THE GRADING SYSTEM

5.1.2.1 College of Law

A. The College of Law uses a special letter grading system in which the following grades are conferred with the respective quality point values indicated:

A+	4.3	B+	3.3	C+	2.3	D+	1.3	E=0
A	4.0	B	3.0	C	2.0	D	1.0	
A-	3.7	B-	2.7	C-	1.7	D-	0.7	

B. A student's academic grade record is expressed as a grade point average computed by multiplying the semester hours of credit for each course by the quality point value of the grade received in the course. These products are added together, and the sum is divided by the total semester hours attempted. The grade point average thus derived is the basis for each student's academic status as indicated in the published rules and policies of the College of Law Faculty.

C. Selected College of Law courses are graded on a Pass/Fail basis, and law students enrolled in graduate courses for which the College of Law grants credit toward graduation are treated by the College of Law as Pass/Fail courses. A failing grade (F) in any Pass/Fail course in the College of Law or any graduate course in which a student in the College of Law enrolls for credit toward graduation from the College of Law will be taken into account at a quality point value of zero (0) in computing the student's grade point average. [US: 4/12/93]

D. Limitation on Pass/fail Units Creditable for College of Law Students [US: 4/12/93]

In determining the number of hours credited toward the requirement for the J.D. degree:

1. No more than 6 hours of graduate courses outside of the College of Law, ~~graded on a pass/fail basis,~~ shall be counted. All such courses must be approved by the faculty in advance. The College of Law will assign a grade of P if a student receives an "A" or "B" in the course; the College of Law will assign an "E" if the student receives a C, D, or E.

2. No more than 69 hours of courses in the College of Law that are offered ~~only~~ on a pass/~~f~~-fail basis, shall be counted.

3. No more than 912 of the total number of pass/~~f~~-fail credit hours, whether earned ~~for graduate courses~~ under 1. (above) or ~~for College of Law courses offered only on a pass/fail basis~~ under 2. (above) shall be counted.

4. No more than one graduate course outside the College of Law, graded on a pass/fail basis, may be credited in any one semester.

Students in joint degree programs may only take up to sixnine pass/~~f~~-fail course credit hours in the College of Law-law school courses and may take no courses outside the College of Law for credit toward the J.D. ~~other than pursuant to the applicable joint degree program.~~

5.3.3 ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE IN THE PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES

NOTE: All students in the professional colleges are subject to the rights, rules and regulations governing University of Kentucky students in all matters not specifically covered in the these rules.

5.3.3.1 College of Law

A. Exclusion for Poor Scholarship and Readmission

- 1.** All students in the College of Law must maintain a satisfactory cumulative GPA, and failure to do so will result in the student being dropped from the college for poor scholarship. Any student who earns a GPA below 1.5 for his or her first semester of law study may be suspended by the Dean on recommendation of the Law Faculty Academic Status Committee for poor scholarship. Any student who fails to earn a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of the first two semesters will automatically be suspended for poor scholarship. In addition, any student whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 at the end of any subsequent semester will also be suspended from the college. [US: 10/11/82]
- 2.** Any student who earns a grade of E in a required course must reregister for the course and complete all requirements thereof. When such a required course is retaken or when a student elects to repeat an elective course in which the student has earned a failing grade, both the initial and subsequent grade will be reflected on the student's record and counted in the computation of class standing, subject to readmission standards below.
- 3.** Any student dropped for poor scholarship may petition the Law Faculty Academic Status Committee for readmission. A recommendation to the Dean for readmission is within the discretion of the Academic Status Committee; however, in most cases, the following policies will guide the Committee: a student suspended after the first semester will be required to petition the full Law Faculty for readmission; in the case of students suspended at the end of the second semester, a student with a cumulative GPA of 1.90 and above will normally be readmitted, a student with a cumulative GPA of 1.70 to 1.89 may be readmitted but will be carefully scrutinized, and a student with a cumulative GPA below 1.70 will normally not be readmitted; any student dropped at the end of the third semester or thereafter will be subject to case-by-case analysis.
- 4.** Any student who is readmitted after being dropped at the end of the second semester and who fails to raise his or her cumulative GPA to 2.0 by the end of the third semester will be readmitted again at that time only if he or she has made material progress toward raising his or her cumulative GPA to 2.0. Material progress at a minimum shall mean obtaining a 2.0 GPA for the semester. Moreover, such a student must raise his or her cumulative GPA to 2.0 by the end of the fourth semester. In addition to the foregoing academic standards for readmission, the Academic Progress Committee may impose additional academic standards in individual cases, and in any case may impose other reasonable conditions of readmission including, but not limited to, limitation of outside work, specification of schedule of study (including specification of particular courses and limitation of hours), and the limitation of extracurricular activities.

The Academic Progress Committee with the approval of the full Law Faculty may also require the repetition of courses either with or without substitution of the grades earned in the courses retaken. Failure to comply with the requirements and conditions of readmission will result in the student being suspended again from the College of Law, in which case he or she will not be readmitted without approval of the University Senate Council upon the recommendation of the Dean following action by the full Law Faculty. Any student aggrieved at any time by recommendation of the Academic Status Committee may petition the full Law Faculty for review. [US: 12/4/89; US: 4/12/93]

5. For purposes of the above rules, a student who is required by the Academic Status Committee to repeat fourteen (14) or more hours of the freshman curriculum in his or her third and fourth semester will be considered as enrolled in his or her first and second semesters.

6. A student who has once been suspended for poor scholarship and who fails to have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the semester or summer session in which he or she completes the 90th hour of course work will not be allowed to graduate from the College of Law. Such student will not be allowed to enroll in additional hours of course work in an attempt to achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA. [US: 11/8/76; SC transmittal: 3/14/91]

B. Withdrawal and Readmission [US: 4/12/93]

1. First-year students are expected to complete their first year of law study without interruption. If a student withdraws from the college and University during his or her first year of law study, readmission is not automatic. If a student withdraws during the first semester of law study, application for readmission will be referred to the Admissions Committee; if a first-year student withdraws during the second semester, application for readmission will be referred to the Academic Status Committee; provided that in either of the above withdrawal situations, the Dean's designee may grant a special leave of absence for the balance of the academic year for reasons relating to extended illness or equivalent distress.

2. After completion of all required first-year courses, a student who withdraws from the College of Law and the University is subject to the rules stated herein regarding readmission after a leave of absence and grades for students who withdraw. To officially withdraw from the College of Law, a student must obtain from Registrar's Office to obtain a withdrawal card; this card must be signed by the Dean of the College of Law or the Dean's designee. If a student plans to complete a semester, but not reenroll for the subsequent semester, he or she must give the Dean's designee written notice of such intention.

3. If a student withdraws from the college and University or does not continue enrollment **and** has complied with paragraph B.2 of this rule, the student will routinely be readmitted to the college provided that the student is in good standing and the absence was not longer than two semesters plus one summer term. No student will be readmitted pursuant to this paragraph more than one time.

4. A student who intends to remain away from the college for more than 2 semesters plus one summer term must request permission for a Leave of Absence.

These requests are not routinely granted and will be referred to the Academic Status Committee for recommendation to the Dean.

5. Readmission for students who are not entitled to readmission pursuant to paragraphs B.1-B.4 of this rule is not automatic. Applications for such readmission will be referred to the Academic Status Committee for a recommendation to the Dean. The Academic Status Committee may consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including the length of time out of the college and reasons for the absence. The Academic Status Committee and Dean will normally not approve readmission for any student who has been away from the college for six regular semesters. Reasonable conditions, including the repetition of courses for no credit, may be imposed if readmission is approved.

6. A second-year student, a third-year student, or a first-year student with special permission of the Dean's designee may withdraw from any course or seminar within the first half of a semester or summer session. To withdraw from a course or seminar within the first half of a semester or summer session, the student must submit a completed course withdrawal card to the Dean's designee. A student may withdraw from a course or seminar during the last half of a semester or summer session only on a petition certifying reasons relating to extended illness or equivalent distress. This petition must be approved by the instructor and the Dean's designate.

C. Limitation on Pass/fail Units Creditable for College of Law Students [US: 4/12/93]

~~See Section 5.2.2.1.D for limitations on pass/fail units creditable for College of Law students...in determining the number of hours credited toward the requirement for the J.D. degree:~~

~~1. No more than 6 hours of graduate courses outside of the College of Law, graded on a pass-fail basis, shall be counted. All such courses must be approved by the faculty in advance. A grade of "A" or "B" will be necessary in order to receive a College of Law passing grade.~~

~~2. No more than 9 hours of courses in the College of Law that are offered on a pass-fail basis shall be counted.~~

~~3. No more than 12 of the total number of pass-fail credit hours, whether earned under 1. (above) or under 2. (above) shall be counted.~~

~~4. No more than one graduate course outside the College of Law, graded on a pass-fail basis, may be credited in any one semester.~~

~~Students in joint degree programs may only take up to nine pass-fail course credit hours in the College of Law and may take no courses outside the College of Law for credit toward the J.D. otherwise than pursuant to the applicable joint degree program.~~